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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Retiree Summit ~ At the end of the Seattle Convention, I received an invitation, along with six other Presidents of Retiree Organizations to meet with **Oscar Munoz**. The meeting took place on October 27th in Chicago at UAL Headquarters.

The Retiree Groups represented were: **ARECA**

(Association of Retired Continental Airlines), **Clipped Wings** (Former and Current Flight Attendants from UA and CO), **Golden Eagles** (Retired Pilots of Continental), **RAFA** (Association of Flight Attendants) **RUPA** (Retired United Pilots Association), **UAHF** (United Airlines Historical Foundation), and **RUAEA** (Retired United Airlines Employees Association).

Oscar's staff greeted us and the meeting commenced in the UAL Board Room. We were given a short briefing about the meeting and shortly thereafter Oscar arrived. He told us about himself and some of his challenges. Then he asked each of us to let him know who we were and to give a highlight of how we think we need to go in the future as a company and as retirees and what we enjoyed during our careers. Some current issues like passes and widows benefits surfaced. He listened intently and expressed that he understood, but made no promises to change anything. I was impressed with his straight forward demeanor and honest approach. The old proverb "Like a breath of fresh air" is what I would characterize his approach to things and the way he comes across. He was with us about 1½ hours and as he closed the meeting, he indicated that we should plan on more meetings as we move forward. We then assembled for a group picture with Oscar.

We had a tour through the Network Operations Center. A very interesting place with much more advanced technologies being used than when most of us were working. And, more pictures were taken; after that we had lunch and then caught a flight home.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention **Janet Tyse** – Project Manager, Employee Experience as the main person who put the meeting together. Others who attended from United that some of you may know were **Anthony Scattone** – VP Total Rewards, **Penny Thomas** – Managing Director, Employee Relations, **Mandeep Grewal**

– Managing Director, Chief of Staff and **Matthew Adams** – Corporate Communication.

This opens a new chapter and the opportunity to have some input into retiree issues and is greatly appreciated. I intend to work within the framework provided and cultivate an attitude of cooperation with all the retiree groups and with the company.

See the full write-up that appeared in the Daily News November 3 on the back cover of this issue.

Virgil Gooselaw - RUAEA President

RUAEA 2017 Convention

Just FYI, we have encountered a few problems with the hotel in Las Vegas and there may be a change coming soon. Please hold off making any reservations until the situation is resolved. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Ron Bertacini - Convention Site Committee

Writer's Column - Wallace Wong

RUAEA members may be retired from United Airlines, but most are not retired from pursuing their many and various interests. This month we have an update on **Wallace Wong**. His work at United which included the production of public events and theatrical presentations, led to his interest in producing Broadway and Off-Broadway musicals.

In 1990, Wallace's sister, Jadin Wong, Talent Agent in New York City and Broadway producer, Cameron Mackintosh asked Wallace to help them audition and cast talent for "Miss Saigon", which was on Broadway for over 5 years.

In 2015, Wallace collaborated with Tisa Chang, Producer/Director of the Pan Asian Repertory Theater in the very successful Broadway production of "Sayonara" at the Clurman Theater on 43rd Street.

Currently, Tisa Chang and Wallace are in the Research/Development stage of producing "Forbidden City", about the first all Chinese Night Club in America.

It provided the opportunity for emerging Asian American talent to perform on stage. The show will focus on this chapter in the entertainment industry. Tisa Chang talked about bringing "Forbidden City" to San Francisco, California where it all started!

We are proud to announce that his work in the Asian community was recognized again. Wallace was awarded the Distinguished Asian Pacific Advocacy Award on 10/23/15 in Flushing, New York. Tisa Chang introduced Wallace and his daughters, Lisa and Paula, at the Awards Gala, which hosted more than 500 people. Excellent food, entertainment and dancing were enjoyed by the attendees.

RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Double Tree By Hilton, Seattle Airport
Southwest Seattle, Washington

President Hank Gosselin called the meeting to order at 0837. Hank welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 25, 2015 Annual Business Meeting. A motion was made by Ed Liesse to approve the minutes as published and waive their reading. The motion was seconded by John Koehl and approved by the majority.

Hank introduced our new President Virgil Gooselaw. Virgil thanked Hank for his past years of service including presiding as President for the past four years.

Virgil introduced Ron Bertacini, thanking him for his service. As Past President, Ron presented information regarding the recent election. 590 voted which is only 10% of the membership.

New officers include:

- ❖ Virgil Gooselaw, President
- ❖ James Simon, Executive V.P.
- ❖ Pam Troutman Ziebarth, Treasurer
- ❖ Mary Jane Stewart, Secretary
- ❖ John Zoboli, V.P. Conventions
- ❖ William Corbett, Assistant V.P of Conventions
- ❖ Janice Gawenda, Midwest Region Director
- ❖ Sonda Sandstedt, Northern California/Nevada Region Director
- ❖ Roger Casterline, Western Region Director
- ❖ Florida region and Southern California have no candidates. Ron encourages members to consider filling some open positions.

Note: After the Business Meeting, Claudia Blancett contacted Ron Bertacini and accepted the Southern California Region.

2016 Convention - September 21 -24 ~ Ron Bertacini, VP of Conventions reported that the Seattle Convention has been a great success with 317 participants renewing old friendship and making new ones as well. The hotel goal for room nights was 600 and we had 640. The 6 tours were well planned and held their own financially. Congratulations to Ken Storey, Convention Chair and his hard working team. Thank you to the Treasurer, Shirley Claggett and Registrar, Ron Paluch. Recognition was also given to our previous Treasurer/Registration team, Ginny & Frank Rockenhauser.

Virgil's report:

- Denver office will be downsizing and moving to a temporary location some time later this year. There will be no interruption to service.
- Virgil has the approval of the board of Directors to proceed exploring our possibility of obtaining

a 501C3 status. Having a tax free status will assist us with our expenses.

- Our Website provides many opportunities to serve the members with the Newsletter and blast e-mail messaging to name a few. The ability to accept credit cards is a real plus. That information is secure and available only to the Webmaster. Jim Sommerfield, Website Mgr. pointed out that there are 38 functions available that can be accessed from the Home Page.
- Members are encouraged to use their Directors, Corporate and Airline Liaisons for question and assistance. All current Directors were acknowledged as well as past presidents; Zelma Kibler, Jim Fauber and Ron Bertacini.
- The Treasurer and VP of Conventions will serve a 3 year term, on a one time basis, so that officer's positions are not all expiring the same year.

Pam Ziebarth, Treasurer's report

Pam assured us that RUEA is solvent. Our largest expense is the Newsletter but we are coming in under the projected budget thus far this year. Income from dues is lower due to fewer members. We will be adding \$15,000 to a \$10,000 CD making it a \$25,000/four year CD. Our current balance (in CD's, Savings, and Checking) is \$171,000.00.

Certificates of Achievements - Hank presented certificate of Achievement to the people going out of office: Diane Webb - Secretary, Virgil Gooselaw - Executive VP, John Zoboli - Director N. Cal/NV, Hal Klobe - Director S. CA, Helen Cauwels - Director Midwest, Don Nellans - Director FL. Hank also received a well-deserved award presented by Virgil. Not all were present but were recognized.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Bill Mansur and second by David Adams. Meeting closed at 0941.

Minutes respectively submitted 10/3/2016 by Mary Jane Stewart, Secretary.

Minutes approved 10/3/2016 by President Virgil Gooselaw.

You Are Invited

You're Invited
Southbay (San Jose, California) RUEA chapter is gearing up for their spectacular Christmas luncheon and would like to invite you to join in the festivities. The event will be held Tuesday, December 13 from 11am-2pm at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara, CA. It will consist of a delicious buffet lunch, entertainment by the Peninsula Banjo Band, and a raffle of gifts and homemade treats. A flyer is available with

more details on our website: southbayruaea.org. If you plan to be in our area at the time, we would love to have you join us. The more the merrier!

Thank you Alliant Credit Union



Oops, in my rush to thank the other organizations that help promote our Seattle Convention, I was remiss in not acknowledging the Alliant Credit Union. They have been very supportive of our convention for many, many years.

Also over the last several years they have helped subsidize our Friday night event. On behalf of RUAEA a big, thank you to Dave Mooney, CEO and Larry Page, National Account Executive – Key Sponsor. We look forward to the future with this relationship.

Ron Bertacini
Convention Site Committee

Welcome to LAX, automated screening



In collaboration with the TSA, United made the airport screening process more efficient and more convenient for its customers at LAX. United installed several automated screening lanes in LAX, which can improve TSA screening times by as much as 30

percent. The first two lanes opened for operational use late last week at United's B checkpoint, a temporary location.

The new lanes will enable up to five customers to fill their individual bins simultaneously and move through the screening process more quickly, even if TSA agents need to perform additional screening on a customer farther ahead in the queue. The lanes also use a parallel conveyor system that automatically returns empty bins to the front of the queue.

"We are committed to making every step of our customers' journeys as reliable and enjoyable as possible," Airport Operations SVP Jon Roitman said. "This investment in state-of-the-art technology will improve the travel experience for our customers."

The first half of United's LAX security screening checkpoint will have seven lanes - five automated screening lanes and two standard screening lanes, and it will be completed in two phases. United expects to have both phases completed by the end of the year.

United will open automated lanes at ORD and EWR later this year.

United announces organizational changes in management structure



In a letter to management and administrative employees, Oscar previewed several changes to United's organizational structure that will help the company execute its strategy to make United the world's best airline. *"We will not impact front-line employees or direct front-line field supervisors related to this effort,"* Oscar said. *"In fact, in the year ahead as we shift to more mainline flying, we expect to add hundreds of front-line jobs."*

One key change Oscar highlighted is that United's customer service delivery roles - Contact Centers, Customer Experience, Food Services, Inflight Services and Airport Operations - will be aligned under a single officer who will be responsible for ensuring a consistent, integrated and positive experience across every customer interaction. Another change will be in Finance, where United will reorganize to provide dedicated support to the commercial and operations groups as the company sensibly manages costs while also evaluating and investing in strategic business initiatives.

United plans to announce more about its new management structure and the resulting leadership changes at the officer level beginning in the coming days, and the next step will be for EVPs and officers to further define their own organizational structures.

United reports third-quarter 2016 performance



United reported its third-quarter 2016 financial results. It is the best third-quarter and best year-to-date on-time performance in company history. Flight attendants ratified a joint contract and United reached a tentative agreement with technicians and related employees for a joint contract. Excluding special items, United reported third-quarter net income of \$997 million, diluted earnings per share of \$3.11 and pre-tax earnings of \$1.6 billion.

Including special items, United reported second-quarter net income of \$965 million, diluted earnings per share of \$3.01 and pre-tax earnings of \$1.5 billion.

During the third quarter of 2016, United purchased \$255 million of its common shares, representing 1.5 percent of shares outstanding. Since United's initial repurchase announcement in July 2014; the company has purchased \$4.0 billion of its common shares, representing approximately 20 percent of shares outstanding. As of Sept. 30, 2016, United had \$2.0 billion remaining to purchase shares under its existing share repurchase authority.

United insources more work at LAX and SFO

The SFO team recently took over ground services for United Express aircraft operated by Skywest Airlines (OO) at the SFO airport. United team now manages all ground services, including Ramp Service roles - water, fueling and commissary provisioning for these regional aircraft - previously managed by OO. This also comes on the heels of the LAX team celebrating the first month of successfully insourcing above and below-the-wing operations previously completed by OO.

To help support the roughly 100 flights a day at SFO and 50 flights at LAX, United has trained hundreds of Ramp Service employees and hired more than 350 new employees across the two hubs.

"As with all things, there were some bumps along the way," said SFO Ramp Service Trainer Dave Schmiedeler. *"But the way everyone is stepping up and going that extra mile to make this transition go as smoothly as possible is incredible."*

This marks a key milestone as part of the contract with employees represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace workers, which was ratified earlier this year.

Congratulations to the SFO and LAX teams for all of their hard work and making this transition a success in such a short amount of time - seven months before the deadline.

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Holiday Greetings! Hope you are enjoying your time with family and friends and eating all your favorite Holiday meals. Did you have pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving, but your family would like to have it again at Christmas time? This recipe has a little twist on your regular pumpkin pie and I think you'll love it. I can hardly wait to make it again. I make my own pie crust, but if you want to take a short cut, buy a frozen crust for a deep dish pie. If you love dessert the most then indulge and eat your pie first!

PUMPKIN PECAN PIE

- 3 eggs
- 1 c. dark corn syrup
- ½ c. sugar
- ¼ c. melted butter
- 1 c. canned pumpkin
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. pecans
- 9" unbaked deep dish pie crust

Preheat oven to 350. Beat eggs well. Beat in next five ingredients. Arrange pecans in the bottom of the pie crust. Slowly pour the egg mixture over pecans. Bake for 1 hour. Let cool and enjoy with whipped cream.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Eggle**s at 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.*

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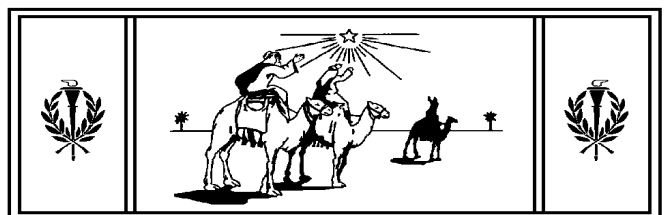
Francis Domaratius

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met October 10th at The Fish Market downtown with the following members in attendance: **Herb Wilbanks, Jim & Donna Gooch, Travis Glass, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Joe & Jane Jones, Bobby & Jean Cox, Gay Fowler and Joe Duncan.**

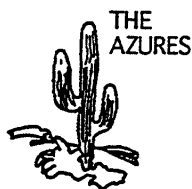
Ann Simmons celebrated a birthday on the 4th, and we had no anniversaries. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Beverly Yeager**. Several members were unable to attend due to illness, we wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them again soon.

Our next meeting will be December 5th at The Club atop Red Mountain at 11:30 a.m. We encourage all retired United friends and families to join us. For more information, contact **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

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Greetings from Arizona!

We are sad to tell you that **Suzanne Hughes** lost her step-mother Mona Hughes on October 19, 2016. Cards can be sent to 20108 N. 110th Avenue, Sun City AZ 85373.

Don Brei passed away early morning on October 24th. The Azures are making a donation to the lung cancer research institute in his name. He was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer just a few months ago. He always had a smile on his face and was always willing to help. He quickly stepped up in one such instance when no one else was willing to take on the role of Vice President for the Azures even though he was already involved with several other clubs and organizations. Don was one of a kind and will be sorely missed. Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 26th from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M at Camino Del Sol Funeral Home Sun City West. A Funeral Mass was at on Thursday, October 27th at St. Elizabeth Seaton Catholic Church. I'm sure that Carole and their sons would appreci-

ate a card. Mrs. Don Brei, 20588 N. 271st Ave, Buckeye, AZ 85396.

Thirty three members enjoyed a catered lunch at Beardsley Park from Chick-fil-A. The three 50/50 winners were Vivian, Linette and Claudia. **Ken Paulson** guessed closest the number of corn candy in the jar, so he won all that candy.

Happy birthday to **Lowell Neal** (12/1), **Pat Paulson** (12/2), **Mike Richards** (12/4), **Bette Tupy** (12/11), **Shirley Bailey**, (12/12), **Ken Paulson** (12/22), and **Carole Brei** (12/31).

Our November luncheon was on November 17th at 11:00 at Angela's Kitchen, 19900 N Remington Drive in Sun City Grand.

Our Christmas Party is at Arrowhead Country Club on December 15th, 19888 North 73rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308, (623) 561-9600.

Our January luncheon plans may be at Pebble Creek in Goodyear, information will be announced soon.

We have breakfast every other Tuesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The November dates are November 1st, 15th, & 29th. The address is 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ, (623) 974-8224.



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The Holidays are coming up very quickly. Are you getting ready? Our annual Fantasy Flight will be held at the Phoenix Airport Friday, December 2. The committee is ready for the children to come. I'm sure we'll see many happy faces and very excited children there. For most of the children, going up in an airplane will be quite an experience for them. It's going to be a fun day for everyone and well worth the time and effort put into it. Be sure and watch Channel 12 as our United Airlines Fantasy Flight has been chosen as the Channel 12 Honoree charity during December 2016. Thanks to all those people who make this charity one of the best!

Our annual Christmas Luncheon is Wednesday, December 7th at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes. The cost is \$25 per person. Bring a grab bag gift to share. **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen** are the hosts for this festive luncheon. If you have any questions, you can call them at (480) 883/3231 or by e/mail at pnicholais@aol.com.

Our November luncheon, held November 10, at the Golden Corral in Gilbert, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauer** will be reported on next month.

Our October breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert had 22 people present. **Donna Pedone** brought a friend, **Joanne Mealer**, to the breakfast. **Joanne** recently moved to Arizona. We also have a new member joining, her name is **Barbara Tremonto** from Maricopa, AZ.

We're happy to have her with us. President **Shirley Claggett** mentioned the deadline of November 11 to sign up for our Aetna Insurance and December 1st if you want to make any changes in your pass riders. **Ron Paluch** gave us an update on **Bob Irwin**. He is at home now and having therapy a couple days a week. Bob hopes to be back in Arizona sometime after the first of the year.

This month, we are highlighting one of our members. She happens to be the President of our Re/United's Chapter and has been since 2012. She was the Treasurer of the RUAEA Convention held in Seattle, Washington. Her name is **Shirley Claggett**. Shirley said geography and history have always been favorites of her, so after graduating from high school, she went to work for Eastern Steamship Lines, which sailed out of Miami and Ft. Lauderdale to Nassau and the Caribbean. While on vacation in Hawaii, she loved it so much, she quit the steamship job, and stayed in Hawaii and got a government job in Pearl Harbor as a secretary and inventory control clerk for the Navy. She felt this was her chance to serve in the military during the Viet Nam War in 1965/67. While in Hawaii, she tried to get a job there with an airline, but was told to go to the mainland and try there. Since she grew up in the Chicago area, she moved back there and started her career with United in October 1967. She spent a year in the old downtown reservation office, then transferred to O'Hare as a ticket agent. The day off pattern she had gave her 2/3 day weekends off every other month, and along with trade days and DAT days, (day at a time vacation day), and regular vacations, she enjoyed being gone some place in the United States or in the world. She loved and still does like the ocean and mountains the most, so she decided to put her transfer in to Seattle, and when it came thru, she moved to Seattle. In Seattle, besides ticketing and gate work, she got involved in putting together the Hong Kong and Tokyo flights, international ticketing, and worked SAS and Finnair, when they contracted United to do their ground work. She then worked Lost and Found and small package dispatch. Shirley retired in October 2001, after 9/11 changed the airline. Shirley is so grateful for all the places in the world that she has been to, and still continues to fly to places and also go on cruises. She and **Ron Paluch** got involved with Hot Air Ballooning, and did that in several countries, as well, as the United States. After retirement, she has become a "snowbird" between Seattle and Mesa, Arizona, and is still traveling and stopping at every historical place between the north and the south. She still wants to go to the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica someday. Shirley has a son and granddaughter who live in Indiana, and many good friends in Arizona and Seattle. Our Re/United Chapter is happy having **Shirley** and **Ron Paluch** involved with us.

We have the following birthdays in December: **Jim Brigante** (12/2), **Ginny Rockenhauser** (12/7), **Nancy Myers** (12/15), **Doreen Cloud** (12/16), **Irma Furtney** (12/18), **Patrice Rowan** (12/18), **JoAnn Fearing** (12/24), **Jeanette Kostecki** (12/26), and **Peggy Snowdall** (12/31). Happy Birthday to each one of our December birthdays.

We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month: **JoAnne & John Griffin** (12/18/83), and **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier** (12/18/93). Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Calendar:

December 2 – Fantasy Flight at PHX

December 7 – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club, 10801 E. San Tan Blvd., in Sun Lakes, starting at 11:00 a.m. For the social hour, followed by the luncheon at 12:00 noon. This luncheon is hosted by **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen**. If you have any questions, contact them at (480) 883-3231, or by e/mail at pnicholais@aol.com

December 16 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. This is a week earlier than normal because of the Christmas Holiday. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending by December 14, at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

January 18 – Luncheon hosted by **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**. More information to follow.

January 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

Tucson, Arizona

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Thirty-five Roadrunners met for lunch on Thursday, October 20 at the Trattoria Pina Cucina Italiana on North Swan Road, just south of Sunrise. The bright yellow awning over the front door made it especially easy to find. We ordered from the menu which offered a nice variety of pasta, sandwiches and salads with an Italian flavor. As lunch was being served, the 50/50 tickets were drawn and the lucky winners today were **Sandy Sawyer** and **Ed Kokot**.

President **Charli Nicholson** began the meeting by thanking **Alice & Pete Lopez** for organizing this luncheon and said there wasn't too much business to talk about. She inquired if anyone was interested learning more about the "Flying Together Site". There were several members who expressed interest and the final plan is that **Chuck Cole** will instruct those interested at his home. Bring your laptop if you have one and don't forget your personal access code/password to enter Flying Together.

Next month's brunch/lunch on November 10 at 11:00, hosted by **Loretta & Wayne Norman** will be reported in next month's chapter report.

The Christmas luncheon will be on December 8 at the Oro Valley Country Club. Our Christmas Charity again this year will be Seniors For Kids.

November Anniversaries ~ **Beverly & Tom Workinger** (11/2/1956), **Clyde & Jinny Cable** (11/5/2001), and **Dora & Gordon Starr** (11/5/1982).

November Birthdays ~ Sue Anderson-Hampton (11/2), Leland Benner (11/9), Barbara Johnson (11/11), and Judy Hays (11/20).

My sincere sympathy to the Phoenix Azures for their loss of **Don Brei**. He was a great person and a longtime friend of mine. He'll be missed.

CALIFORNIA

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Our Chapter met on October 19th at The Vineyard Restaurant in Santa Ynez. In attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Ken & Stella Bake, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Peter & Joan Schaefer, Bob & Marcia Stanger, Al & Marilyn Rybar, John Wessel, Nina Powers, and Jack Cunningham.**

President **Mike Zoldak** opened the meeting and told us about his 3000 mile trip to and from SEA while attending the Convention. Mike said that they had good weather all the time and the accommodations were great. During his stay in SEA, he was able to attend the Presidents meeting and Bridget went to the Correspondents meeting. Bridget took notes and gave me a copy of what was discussed. There was a lot of Convention news in the November Newsletter and Mike gave us an insight of a mechanics point of view. He was looking forward to seeing Boeing plant; however the attendees were given the usual "street tour". Of course there were a lot of restrictions such as: no cell phones, back packs, purses, drinks etc. The price was \$20 a tour. The size of the facility was impressive and an employee of 25 or more years was able to park next to the hangers. The income from the tour was about 6 million/year, not including the gift shop. He did get to see the modified B787 Dreamliner with expanded fuselages. There were 4 of them, and Mike was amazed that they get off the ground due to their size.

The most impressive tour was of the Boeing Museum. Boeing supports it with donations, tech. help and is Smithsonian quality. It is staffed by volunteers from Boeing retirees. In conclusion Mike was thankful that someone had the foresight to preserve and restore this history of flight.

It was good to see **Jack Cunningham** attend our meeting. Since his beloved Eleanor is no longer around to drive him, he was able to get someone to do the driving for him. He mentioned that he will be approaching his 97th birthday. Last year he made the statement that he will be 69, only the numbers were reversed. We couldn't be happier that he was able to attend. Jack was one of the founders of the Central Coasters and we thank him for what he and others did to establish our Chapter.

Our next meeting will be on December 21st at the Spyglass Restaurant in Shell Beach. It was decided that we would have a gift exchange and instead of having a Men's and Women's gifts, it would be a unisex gift.

The 50/50 was won by the Stangers. Bob & Marica donated a 2017 calendar from the Wounded Warriors project that the Rybars won.

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Twenty nine Desert Sunbirds (no guests this month) met at the Daily Grill in Palm Desert for our October Luncheon/Meeting, hosted by **Bill & Lia Schultz.**

President Mike reminded everyone about our yearly commitment to the children at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. In the past, we have brightened the day for many children at Christmas with our collection of gifts for them. It will be no different this year! **Carole Paquin** has again volunteered to be in charge of our project. She does a great job. Our signup sheet (Hosts for next year's Luncheons), was passed around again. We haven't filled all the months yet, but we're getting there.

We were saddened to learn of the death of another Sunbird, **Jerry Weiss**. Jerry had been battling cancer through many months. He ultimately opted for no more treatments, and passed away peacefully on October 5th. He had worked for UAL for over 30 years, all at LAXCS.

Judy Ford's daughter writes that Judy had a heart attack in May. Further complications in August, and now hopefully on the road to recovery in Beverly Hills.

Kathy Wilson won the Birthday Lunch, while **Carole Paquin** took home \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing ... for the second month in a row.

Our featured Sunbird this month, **Bill Schultz** ~ Bill graduated from Estes Park High School in Colorado in 1958. He joined the Air Force right after graduating, and ended up in Germany. There he met Lia, married her (smart man), and had their first child before rotating back to the USA. In this past October, Bill & Lia celebrated their 55th Anniversary.

After his discharge (4 years of service), Bill and family returned to Estes Park. He went to work for Beech Aircraft in Boulder for one and a half years. Bill was hired by United in September of 1964. He worked for eight years in Aircraft Overhaul as a Mechanic, Manpower Scheduler, and Planner. Then he transferred to the Engineering Department as a Project Planner, and an Engineering Technician, responsible for the emergency equipment, and water/waste systems for the fleet.

Twelve years later, he transferred to the Quality Assurance Department as a Line Operations Inspector; and then, Manager of Line Quality Assurance for his last 12 years.

Not so fast! After retirement, Bill returned to United as a Contract Employee, and worked in France and Germany doing new aircraft delivery acceptance work at Airbus. Let's back up a little. Around 1968, Bill went back to school. While still working full time, he attended San Mateo Junior College for four years (part time), and received his AA Degree in Industrial Management.

Bill says that in his "Golden Years", he would like to spend more time in Hawaii with his son and his family, and do more traveling. Maybe downsize their home, and/or move somewhere else, "taxes are high in California".



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on October 26, 2016 at Casa Las Katarinas in Grass Valley which was hosted by **Rose & Hank Wikstad**.

Chapter President **Sonda Sandstedt** welcomed those attending and the members thanked the Wikstads for hosting. Sonda complimented Rose for the table decorations that she created which were raffled off after the meeting.

We had 49 members and 4 guests including **Lorry**, guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harsbarger**, **Carla Moss**, guest of **Forester & Jean Sinclair** and **Ron King's** brother & sister **Martin & Susan**, guests of **Judie King**.

Sonda talked briefly about the convention in Seattle which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by 18 Gold Diggers.

Past President and Nominating Committee **Hank Wikstad** announced that the Gold Digger's slate of Officers for 2017: President ~ **Ed Rheam**, Vice President ~ **Ken Norton**, Secretary ~ **Rose Rheam**, Treasurer ~ **Judie King**, Sunshine Person ~ **Angie Dellinger**, Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton**, and Roster Keeper ~ **Jack Raynor**.

Vice President **Rose Wikstad** announced that there will be no meeting in November and our Christmas Luncheon will be December 7th at Turkey Creek Golf Club, hosted by **Len & La Verne Haubl**.

Secretary **Terry Greenacre** acknowledged the Gold Diggers celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in September: **Jim & Roberta Wagner** (37 years), **Ken & Stephanie Norton** 55 years, **Ron & Judie King** 53 years, **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger** 34 years, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** (31 years), and **Dennis & Else Carr** (13 years). Gold Diggers celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in October were **Sonny & Janie Costello** (13 years), and **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** (26 years). The group sang Happy Anniversary to the couples.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the chapter financial report.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** sent a get well card to **Ken Norton** who is recovering nicely from hip surgery.

Angie also sent a sympathy card to **Judie King** and Family. It was good to see both Ken & Judie at the luncheon.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report this month and Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** stated that he still has some rosters if anyone needs one.

Ron Bertacini spoke briefly about some of the highlights of the 2016 RUAEA Convention and about his new role planning future convention sites. The new RUAEA Regional Director Northern California/Nevada **Sonda Sandstedt** reminded everyone that open enrollment for medical benefits is October 31 to November 11th. Also, **Jim Simon** is the new RUAEA Executive Vice President.

The meeting was adjourned followed by the raffle.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Luncheon, December 7, at Turkey Creek Golf Club.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Ah, the ghosts and goblins will be out in full force on Halloween, or perhaps the costumes of choice these days is more along the line of Super Heroes! We still have little people dressed in tutus and puppy outfits – so cute. Mother Nature is certainly showing off her fall colors! Gold, orange, red, brown all make for such a beautiful time of the year. **Lynda Lima** says October is her favorite month to host for the Miners, and she and Joe arranged a great lunch for us at Casa Ramos in Placerville. Now, Mexican cuisine happens to be one of my favorites for flavor, and Casa Ramos certainly knows how to put it all together. **Rudy Blazius** extended everyone's thanks to Joe & Lynda for their efforts. The great table decorations were part of the raffle; though, not all of them had a full complement of candy!

While no one spoke up to claim a birthday or anniversary in October, I found that **Ed & Lindalee Akin** had their 59th anniversary, can that be right? So, if you have either of these events this month, congratulations!

President ~ Rudy's report is contained in the New Business section.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report to share.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to join us today, Suzanne brought his report to the meeting.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report to give.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** reported that **Ed Akin** has had his kidney operation and is "on the go". **Lindalee Akin** will be or just had the knee replacement on her second knee.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** continues to keep our web-site updated.

Old Business ~ We have a couple items that we traditionally cover in October. First: It is time to take nomina-

tions for our officers for 2017. Hard to believe, but it is. There are three positions open this year; President, Vice President, and Historian. After quite a bit of chatter, laughing, finger pointing and “deer in the headlight” looks we have a board of nominees: President ~ **Bill Gibson** was nominated by **Bill Dinette** and seconded by **Linda Dinette**; Vice President ~ **Rosemary Heier** was nominated by **Rudy Blazius** and seconded by **Bill Gibson**; Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** was nominated by **Rudy Blazius** and seconded by **Bill Dinette**; Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was nominated by **Judy Fitzpatrick** and seconded by **Linda Dinette**; Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** was nominated by **Jane Gibson** and seconded by **Joe Lima**; Historian ~ **Thom Biro** was nominated by **JR Heier** and seconded by **Bill Gibson**. Look over this panel, think about it, if you have anyone you would like to see hold one of these positions, bring your suggestion to our November meeting.

Our next annual October business is our December luncheon. We make this luncheon a joint effort and since it is only a couple months away, we need to do some deciding! We have used the American Legion Hall several times and have found it to be a good choice. It isn't too expensive to rent, we have plenty of time for setting up and enjoying ourselves and there is lots of parking. This year they have a chef who is a good cook! Of course, that's a must! JR Heier is going to check with the American Legion and see if the date is still available and get more information about having their chef do the meal for us.

New Business ~ Rudy covered items that are in the RUAEA Newsletter.

Thom Biro recently went in for a hearing test. United (may) cover up to \$2,500.00 per ear every 3 years. If you have Kaiser, check your plan. He has his new hearing aids and is loving them, can't use the excuse with Sherry that “he can't hear her” anymore!

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and our Drawing of Opportunity began. Our thanks go to all who brought items to be raffled: **Lima** – wine & glasses (and table decorations); **Blazius** – Halloween decoration; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Gibson** – stow-n-go bag; **Kenney** – wine holder; **Heier** – candy dish/tea lights; **Ouchi** – magazine rack; **Kenny** – bird feeder; **Dinette** – wine. **Bill Gibson** won the donator's prize.



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On October 13th, we gathered at The Villa Restaurant for our second of the season fall luncheon, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**. We had a private room set up for us with a u-shaped table to accommodate us all; the Huhns had placed small mum fresh flower centerpieces with cute little scarecrow decorations on each table, which later were

raffled off. We had a nice time visiting with each other before we started lunch. We had choices of Beef Stroganoff, Eggplant Parmigiano, or a Salmon Piccata with wine and capers for the selections, beginning with a nice light salad with House-made Italian dressing. Everyone seemed happy with their choices; for dessert our very own member, **Herb Johnson** brought two pumpkin cheesecakes with whipped cream. In this restaurant we are responsible for bringing our own dessert and they serve coffee and tea. That gives us some freedom to have a variety of choices.

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting thanking **Ron & Joanne Huhn** for hosting the luncheon. Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announced that we had 20 members attending and 2 quests: **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**, and **Carol Turek**, guest of **Doug Saunders**. **Doug Saunders**, who recently rejoined our chapter, shared his story about his late wife Helen, who was the United Airlines employee, and worked as a system analyst for many years. He introduced **Carol Turek** as his companion for over 16 years. We are always glad to hear the history of all our members, and Doug added a rich addition to our repertoire of stories! Historian **Barney Hagen** gave us info on a new website for the retired association of flight attendants, which is a useful path to myID90, entitled Using the United app for Pass Travel & my UA Discount Tickets, to manage the flights you are listed for and make changes as needed. The site is: www.rafa-cwa.org. Barney & Claire will be traveling to Winnipeg, Canada soon. He also gave us our joke of the day since Verda was gone this month. Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** gave us her report on our financial status in our general and charitable funds. We have a current balance of \$424.36 in the General account and a healthy \$739.34 in the Charity fund, which will be distributed in December. Valerie also reminded us that she is now collecting dues for 2017 in the amount of \$20 for each member. So try to remember to pay at the next luncheon if you have not already done so!

The October Birthdays were read off by myself in place of Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** who is in Georgia visiting family through the month of November. The birthdays were **Al Benthams**, **Valerie Hulsey** and **Barbara Underhill**; the winner of the free luncheon was **Al Benthams**! There were no anniversaries for the month of October. Birthday congratulations were sung by all for the celebrated ones! Health updates ~ **George Schwind** is home from the hospital after the second time since he completed his chemo treatment; Larry called him and he said he is feeling better now, and he hopes to be at the next luncheon on November 10th.

The raffle tickets were drawn for the wines, See's candies, and the floral centerpieces as our pumpkin cheesecake desserts were being passed around. We all had a full and satisfying lunch and time together with appreciation to the Villa staff for the great service! **Larry Wilson** announced that the next luncheon would be back at the Villa once again on November 10, hosted by **Jerry & Barbara Underhill** and **Larry & Mary Wilson**.

See you all then.

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If you missed this convention in Seattle; you missed a spectacular one! **Peter Schuster** and his lovely wife **Barbara**, offered to drive us (**Hal & Donna Klobe**) to the convention from Los Angeles. We took the path less traveled on Highway 395. We shared his van with Peter's niece, Jackie and thoroughly enjoyed the beauty of the mountainous route.

In Seattle, our visit to the Boeing factory and Paul Allen Collection of WWII aircraft was awesome! The next day, part of our group visited the Chihuly Garden Glass display and the others elected to see the movie, "Sully". You must see the movie to feel the miracle of standing on the wing of an aircraft, floating in the Hudson River, surrounded by all its survivors. Incredible!

Throughout this convention, we missed **Phyllis Easley**. Her husband **Tom** was able to make the flights from PA to Seattle. But Phyllis has AFIB and felt the long trip was just too strenuous. She has been one of our longest work and travel companions and we missed her dearly!

During the summer, **Art & Pat Cottrell** went flying over many states to visit with family members. Pat said it took 5 airplanes trips, but a smile covered her face as she talked about the visits. **Ester & Louis Horompoly** sent a wonderful card picturing many views of the beautiful city of Budapest. Upon returning home, the USO expressed appreciation to her for her many years of service at the Los Angeles Airport USO.

Florence Hoy told me that she was looking forward to our Christmas luncheon at the Tin Roof. She has talked all three of her daughters into attending it with her. Her daughters normally take turns driving her to our affairs and she is looking forward to a complete family Holiday together! And so are we!

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We had a guest speaker at our breakfast this month. Jo Anne Mullet-Moore joined us and extended an invitation to us to attend the Mainliner Christmas Party being held this year on December 3rd at Strider's. This is located downtown on J Street. The cost is \$15.00 per person. More information will be forthcoming. Jo Anne also talked to us about the Union and their wanting more involvement from the retirees. She passed out address cards for those who have not been receiving any mail out information from the Union.

We had four November Birthdays: **John Cunning-**

ham, Bill Krefft, Greg Krok, and Roberta Parisi.

There were twenty five in attendance. **Barbara Drews** gave out the eight hundred phone number and the email address for those having questions about their insurance benefits for 2017. Reminding all that enrollment closes on November 11th.

Rosina Krefft talked to us about their seventeen day trip to Ireland and Italy. While in Italy, they took a Perillo Tour to Pompeii. Bill & Rosina kept commenting on how old Pompeii was and how well it appears that they lived so very long ago. They continued on down to the coast to Amalfi, Capri and saw the many, many cats that live at Positano.

Liz Kamoo talked about her trip visiting family in the beautiful city of Rodenpfelz, Germany and the beautiful country they drove through.

Peggy Van Sickle talked about their twenty five day cruise to the South Pacific visiting Hawaii, the islands of Fiji and on to New Caledonia, ending the cruise in Sydney and then flying home.

Debby Taylor advised everyone that we will be holding our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 8th at Hunter's Steakhouse again this year. We are limited on the number we can accommodate in the room. Invitations will be out in a couple of weeks so don't hesitate to reply when you receive your invitation. We are also participating in Toys for Tots so bring a toy for our contribution.

Looking forward to seeing all of our UA/CO family at our upcoming events and enjoy the Holiday season!

Calendar:

December 1 - Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.

December 8 - Hunter's Steakhouse, 2445 Hotel Circle Place, San Diego, CA 92108.



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Our October meeting was called to order by President **Vera Kina**. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by a few moments of silence for our military forces both here and abroad. 2016 is quickly coming to a close, we do not have a December meeting and our November meeting is just after Thanksgiving. So, from all of us to all of you - we are thankful for your friendship, the care and concern you have shone to those of us in need and the shoulder you have provided to lean on, your good humor and the ability to laugh at the trivial stuff, and for being there when we needed you. We are truly thankful for these blessings.

President **Vera Kina** gave us an heads up for the first 3 months luncheons: January will be BYOB (bring your

own brown bag,) February will be our Chinese Cuisine ushering in the new year, March is Wearin' of the Green St. Paddy's day – leprechauns will provide the corned beef and cabbage – members bring Pot Luck goodies. We expect to see many of you as FOOD always bumps up attendance!

Treasurer **Art Barrett** was unable to attend the meeting as he and **Linda** were celebrating her mothers' 97th birthday, no fire engines were called to put out the candles! As a reminder, he will be collecting 2017 dues. \$12.00per person at the next meeting.

Vice-President and Secretary positions are still open as we are near the end of the year, we are looking for any of you live wires to volunteer for Board positions. (Hmmm, maybe we should just appoint you!)

Secretary: Still temporary - **Ginger Dahlberg** – **Barbara Underhill** was able to take the extra food from the catered BBQ in September to the San Bruno Homeless Shelter. **Ginger** attended the memorial service for our past-president **Aubrey Bliss**; please keep his wife, **Betty**, in your thoughts during these sad days. **Pat Ortega**, **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan**, **Jim & Helen Goodwine**, **Harriet Kunze** and **Ginger** attended the Celebration of Life for **Ernie Bloom** – so many longtime friends with stories to tell; Ernie was a Cub Master extraordinaire. His pack had a pack chant, those "old" attending Cubs belted out their chant, it was one-of-a-kind and brought down the house! (no, I can't repeat it!) Son, **Kent**, is a UAL flight attendant and Ernie's wife, **Pearl**, is truly a gem! We all will miss these two gentle-men.

Membership ~ **Barbara Underhill** noted that it was great to see "**Brandy**" **Branstetter** last month, he donated a hand-made bird feeder to be raffled off at the meeting today. A clever device utilizing an upside down wine (or an empty Brandy bottle) bottle filled with bird seed. Celebrating and getting a little bit older every day ~ **Barbara Underhill**, **Walter Kina** and **Harriet Kunze** blew out birthday candles. Anniversary celebrants: **Don & Dorothy Reuszer** with 55 years and **Walter & Vera Kina** with 59 years, congrats to all of you! **Ralph & Bernice Trullinger** were seen bragging about their 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; Hallmark stays in business because of them! **Jo Milligan** is in a rehab facility recovering from hitting her head when she took a tumble and **Jerry Underhill** is having on-going tests. **Bob Clinton** is also in a Care Facility. Please keep these folks in your thoughts.

Auditors ~ **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** were seen fiddling their thumbs and had nothing to report at this time.

Travel Coordinator ~ **Ginger Dahlberg** reported on the success of the California Dreamin' trip: 52 hearty travelers enjoyed our first stop at the Harris Ranch for their famous beef (you have seen it in the grocery stores) brunch and aromatic atmosphere, on to a Medieval Dinner and Jousting Show with gorgeous steeds and handsome Knights in armor, Catalina Island, and a fantastic Pageant of the Masters presentation; a beautiful, outdoor theater, a

28 member live orchestra and dazzling live art works! Our final stop was at the Steinbeck Home Museum in Salinas. These are Bucket List places y'all! Enjoying all of the above were some UALers' from near: **Art & Linda Barrett**, **Shirley Kensinger**, **Jim Main**, **Bill & Sherri Mansur**, **Bert Niedermaier**, **Doris Schafer**, **Ben & Linda Vietz** (celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary!) and those from afar: those SMF Goldiggers – **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** and the Chicago Loopers, **Ray** and **Corinne Svoboda**.

The Fleet Week day trip brought out 54 "sailors" who enjoyed a great buffet luncheon on the Hornblower Boat, the Bay was like glass, and sparkling blue skies for a back drop for the Blue Angels and their acrobatic flying formations. Wow, what a show. Among the "sailors" were the some retired UAL "flyers" who always enjoy anything to do with airplanes: **Art & Linda Barrett**, **Kathy Hutt**, **Shirley Kensinger**, **Dorothy Pearl**, **Janina Pietrzyk**, **Pat Roller**, **Pam Russell**, **Doris Schafer** and **Frances Zachos**. Some 2016 Christmas day trips are in the final planning stages. 2017 trips are being put together; flyers and information are in the offering. Let Ginger know if you are interested in any of the trips and she will put you on the interest list, flyers will be sent to you. Email: gingersfo@aol.com or call her at (650) 224-1865.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** thanks everyone who brought canned goods to be given to local Shelters for Thanksgiving. Don't forget to bring new/un-wrapped toys or gifts so that Santa can fill his bag with goodies for needy children at Christmas time. Our raffle winners: **Shirley Dickenson** and David Oxendine (a guest.) Donated "prizes" were won by **Paul Larson**, **Bill Heinrich**, **Judy Tonda**, **Gloria Landrum**, **Pat Ortega** won the bird feeder! Bingo winners: **Dolores Frank**, **Barbara Underhill** won 2 times and then had to split a huge pot with **Shirley Dickinson** (won't cover the cost for those McD's garlic fries!) If I missed someone – we'll getcha next time!

Historian **Jim Goodwine**, along with Auditor **Gene Walter** presented our final Policy Manual update which had been accepted and confirmed by the Board. Thanks to you both for a job well done.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 11:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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Many from our Southbay group attended the annual Family Day at SFO October 9. It was a warm, beautiful, sunny day - a rarity for San Francisco. There was a great turnout of families and retirees with many fun and interesting displays including the latest Boeing 787 Dreamliner, and a show by the Patriots aerobatic team. **Larry Jorgensen** from our group and his son, **Robert Jorgensen**, brought their early model (1964 ½ and 1965) Ford Mustangs as they have for several years now to show off with the many other vintage automobiles on display. RUAEA flyers were distributed promoting our retiree groups and there was a good response with individuals coming to the table to inquire more about this organization.

The rest of October and into November has been fairly quiet with many in our area enjoying the rain, cooler weather, and beautiful fall leaves although I'm sure not as much as others in our wonderfully diverse and topographically-rich country. Some in our neck of the woods are busy as beavers gearing up for our spectacular Christmas luncheon to be held December 13. It will consist of a delicious buffet lunch, entertainment by the Peninsula Banjo Band, and a raffle of gifts and homemade treats. If you would like to donate a gift for the raffle, please contact **Cheri Scales** (408) 226-7855 or bring to one of our breakfast meetings by Friday, December 2. The flyer has been made and invites mailed, and now we are awaiting your responses. If you would like to join us for this exciting event, please go to our website to see the particulars. The more the merrier!

In addition to our Christmas luncheon in December, on December 7 we're looking forward to helping out again at Second Harvest Food Bank. What a great way to give back to the community and bless those less fortunate!

We're thankful for our President **George Midwin's** recent recovery from pneumonia and other ailments. During this time, George & Julie had also traveled to Italy so we're thankful for safe travels and your good health again! Thank you to **Boyd Sweet** and **Dave Garland** for pitching in and covering during this time as well at our weekly breakfast meetings. George has done a great job in the President role for our chapter and we are greatly appreciative of his leadership but I think he is looking forward to a bit quieter year next year with new officers hopefully now lined up to take over several openings in our chapter. The new officers will be announced at our upcoming Christmas luncheon!

Historian **Vern Snyder** was recently perusing through some of our Southbay archives and discovered some valuable information about the beginnings of our chapter. For

some of us who have been involved with the group for just a few years, it was neat to hear about as well as fun for those who were there at the time to relive some of those sweet memories. The humble beginnings of our chapter began in April 1983—over 33 years ago, with 14 people attending the first meeting at the LaBaron Hotel in San Jose. The first event had 36 people attending in July of that year with **Barbara Bush** as the speaker. **Gene Eggert**, our first president, designed our original logo. Other presidents in those early years include: **Otto Schaller** (wife **Geneva** still attends), **Bob Bradley**, **Herb Gaevart** (wife **Marion** still attends), **Rosie Rosenthal**, **Garver Sandy** (wife **Wilma** still attends), **Bob Carlson**, and **Gerald Frisch**. In addition to the weekly breakfast meetings, four events had been decided upon in those early years—a luncheon for each season of the year, with additional events planned by various members during each year. A worthy accomplishment mentioned in the archives is that we've been donating to "Toys for Tots" at Christmastime since 1984. Our numbers were small the first couple of years but steadily grew to a weekly attendance of 50-55 people at our breakfasts and an amazing 190 people attended our Christmas Party in 1990 at Mariani's where it's been held since. Our breakfast meeting location varied quite a bit until 2000 when we moved to Holder's Country Inn. We have never had dues for our chapter but have thrived on the raffles conducted at each of our luncheons. Nice to find a method that works and something our members look forward to.

We had a costume contest at a recent breakfast meeting with **Maureen Snyder** (dressed as a witch) coming in first. At the same meeting you might think something was up as hubby, **Vern**, won the impromptu Bingo game. Congrats to both of you!

We were saddened with the news of **Dale (Sam) Cramb's** passing on October 31, 2016. A memorial service was held on November 12. If you wish to send condolences to his wife **Billie**, her address is: 20090 LaRoda Ct., Cupertino, CA 95014. Sam had a life-long love of flying initially as a Royal Canadian Air Force pilot then in the U.S. flying for United retiring as a 747 Captain. After retirement he flew gliders and spent some wonderful time in the air in Hawaii. He will be greatly missed!

I don't know if I have something subconscious going against the **Reichards (Bill & Rosemarie)** (I honestly don't think so!) but to absolutely clear the air I want to make a couple of corrections to information I included in the past couple of newsletter articles. In October I mentioned **Bill & Rosemarie Reichert** (instead of Reichard) attending Rosemarie's 50th college reunion and last month I omitted them from attending the Seattle Convention. They were there! Please forgive me! RG

We're wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. The Presidential election is now over so it's a great time to relax and relish in what we can be truly thankful for.

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot.

Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

Calendar:

December 7 – Second Harvest Food Bank

December 13 – Christmas Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant



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Our October 13th meeting was held at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs, hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks**. We always have a good meeting there! President **Joe Schwirian** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old business continued the ideas and suggestions the members had to bring in new members. President **Joe Schwirian** noted that National RUAEA is considering sending a message to retired members in our area. Apparently there are several hundred retired mechanics in the Bay Area. This subject will be an ongoing subject for conversations at future meetings.

Under New business, Thank You letters were received from the Interfaith Food Bank in Jackson and from the Inderbitzen family for the money donated in memory of **Frank Inderbitzen**.

President Joe reported on his attendance at the RUAEA Convention in Seattle. He was able to attend many of the convention events. It was suggested that you add your frequent flyer "Mileage Plus" account number to the new United APP. There was discussion about the National RUAEA changing their tax exempt status from (current) 501c7 to 501c3.

Some of the attending chapters shared their various activities, with some creating websites and membership brochures. The largest individual chapter was reported to be San Jose with over 400 members.

Alliant Credit Union shared their app which is very convenient for any personal account activity. Almost everything can be done over the internet now.

President Joe shared "United We Care" cards with the members. This program is available to retirees as well as full time employees. It provides for a small financial grant to help families in difficult times. The card contains numbers and the website address.

The United Airlines Family Day was attended by a few retirees. Attendance was lower this year than in the past.

The RUAEA Convention for 2017 is scheduled for Las Vegas.

Under Chapter Activity, the open VP position was discussed. **Bob Scoble** was elected VP, with the agree-

ment that he will take over the Presidency when **Joe Schwirian** moves to Hawaii.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented the Treasurer's Report with our August ending balance in the black.

September birthdays were **Joan Verbaere**, **Rosie Walls** and **Elma Reyna**. Anniversaries celebrated in September were **Dick & Carol Thomas**, **Fred & Joan Verbaere**.

Thank you **Bob & Sandy Brooks** for the raffle gifts.

Thank you, **Bob Scoble**, for taking minutes. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President, **Joe Schwirian**, (510) 378-2752 for information.

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Our October meeting was held on the 10th. We returned to the Old Spaghetti Factory. They have become our first choice for our monthly meetings with a combination of good service, good menu selections and a private room with lots of room which works well with our group.

Some of our regulars were traveling and several others are dealing with health issues, so our numbers were only 24. It was good to see **Nolan & Mary Untied** back after a few months absence.

We had several reports on the Seattle convention with an especially interesting one by **Arnold Hansen** who flew to SEA but returned home on AMTRAK with a private room with dining car privileges.

Joseph Leather distributed an interesting and timely medical bulletin on recognizing the symptoms of a stroke with advice on how to obtain immediate assistance.

Tracey Blanchard gave a recap on another RUAEA cruise planned for 2017 and organized by **Rich Bouska**. She and **Jan Soderstrom** attended the one this year and plan a repeat. Great people and interesting itinerary.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

❖ December 12 – Annual Christmas Party – Zeo Fredo's, Pleasant Hill

❖ January 9 - TBA





CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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The rain is coming down in the Northstate! It has been reported that we have had the most rain for any October since the beginning of history on the rain count. All the lakes are even getting a few inches higher. We did not have a meeting in November but we have a special day planned in early December. We have decided to have a holiday luncheon/meeting on Wednesday, December 7. **John & Linda Delaney** have graciously offered to open their home for us to meet.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, \$15.00 gift certificate for the next lunch and a special holiday gift exchange. **Klaren Odor** has offered to do one of her very special stories and we are looking forward to having a fun time with the gift exchange. If you think you can join us please E-Mail me or call and I will send out a special flyer with directions and what to bring. We will be having great food and great conversation. Let me know if you plan to come. We hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays from California Northstaters.

Calendar:

December 7 - Wednesday at the home of **John & Linda Delaney**, 1:30 P.M. for a festive Christmas celebration! Come and join us if you are in the area!

COLORADO

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The November breakfast was attended by 27 members. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter were **Yumi Trujillo**, **Matt Ohr** (DENMM), **Tom Goodyear** (Chapter Pres Ret.), **Jim Spate** (DENMM), **Ray Shoults** (DENMM), and **Cas Spokas** (DENMM). The 50/50 drawing helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

Vice President **Gary Trujillo** opened the meeting by reading the October meeting minutes. He reminded us of the upcoming Christmas Luncheon. Please make your reservations. The annual Christmas luncheon which will be held on December 14th from 11am to 1pm at the Holiday Inn Cherry Creek located at 455 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver (303 388 5561). The cost is \$25 P/P. Submit your checks to: RUAEA Denver Chapter, c/o **Martha Gooselaw**, 973 Uvalda St., Aurora, CO 80011. The deadline for reserva-

tions is December 8. The entrée choices are Salmon and Pork Loin with a choice of pecan or pumpkin pie for dessert. Please indicate your menu choices on the check along with the member's and spouse or guest name. Each attendee will receive a ticket for a door prize to be determined by drawing. 50/50 tickets will be available at the door. Please bring an unwrapped child's gift for donation.

Bill Brehmer (DENMM) spoke of his recent travel experiences. He traveled recently to South Korea. DEN/SFO – SFO/ICN. He had to reroute through Tokyo to Seoul and was able to use one vacation pass by calling the Pass Bureau. They took care of the rerouting and he traveled first class for the whole trip. There was some talk of heart attacks at this meeting and Bill offered his experience. He was doing yard work and after 10 to 15 minutes, he had to take a break. He just didn't feel right and went to a Kaiser facility where they checked him, called an ambulance and took him to a hospital. At the hospital, after checking him, it was determined that he had blockages and he had a quadruple bypass a few days later. It was pointed out that both Oscar Munoz and Bill had abnormal symptoms associated with heart attacks. A person should seek a medical opinion for unusual feelings that seem out of the ordinary. Do not try to diagnose yourself.

Virgil Gooselaw (RUAEA President) presented **Cas Spokas** (DENMM) with a Plaque recognizing his dedicated work for RUAEA. Cas is the National Membership Mgr. He is responsible for the good computer system that we have. If not for him, we wouldn't have credit card capability for dues, etc. We certainly appreciate his contribution to the organization.

President **Gooselaw** along with **Tom Goodyear** (Chapter Pres Ret.) briefed us on their recent trip to WHQ and a meeting with Oscar Munoz. The meeting was also attended by several other retiree groups' representatives where they discussed retirees concerns.

Virgil & Tom continue to prepare for the move of their offices to temporary space as the remodel of the facility progresses. In January or February of next year the office will move to the trailers in the parking lot. They will remain there until July or August of 2017. The building housing the cafeteria will eventually be gutted and completely remodeled.

Harry Crandall (DENTK) continues convalescing at home from a broken hip.

Antoinette Duensing, wife of **Bob Duensing** (DENTK), is convalescing at home from a knee replacement. Cards can be sent to 5940 E. 114th Ave., Thornton, CO 80233.

Charlotte Kitchens (DENRRUA), passed away on October 11. No service was held per her wishes. Cards can be sent to **Velma Kitchen** (sister) at 13631 E. Marina Dr. #402, Aurora, CO 80014.

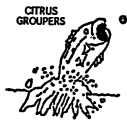
Roy Rardin (DENTK), passed away on October 16th. Roy is survived by his wife, **Ethel**. Roy and Ethel were longtime RUAEA members and very active in the production of the newsletter when it was all printed copy and assembled in Denver. Roy was 90. Cards can be sent to

Ethel at 15461 E. 33rd Ave., Aurora, CO 80011 or she can be reached at (303) 364 5946.

Jim Pech (DENTK, DENCARGO) passed away on October 31st. During his career with UAL, Jim served as Ramp Svc. Mgr. and Senior Flight Operations Instructor for 747's. He is survived by his wife, **Rita**. Jim was 87.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS



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Our October meeting was held on the 27th at the Legacy restaurant at Nancy Lopez Golf Course. Fourteen Groupers were in attendance. After a great lunch, President Brick asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. An open and lively discussion was held regarding the types of medical insurance that members were contemplating for 2017. All were reminded of the Important Phone Numbers and internet listings that are available in the monthly RUAEA Newsletter regarding Insurance, Travel, etc.

The President is looking for volunteers to fill several offices that will be open January 2017.

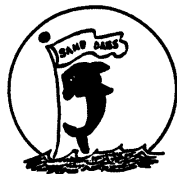
There is no meeting in November. Instead, the Groupers will have an early Christmas Luncheon on December 1 at the Legacy Restaurant.

The raffle was won by Captain **Dale Buss**. **Elaine Lies** brought a beautiful floral arrangement to our luncheon. We held a second drawing of raffle tickets for her floral arrangement and Captain **Dale Buss** won again.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact President **Ralph Brick** at brickralph@cox.net.

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It was a beautiful day in Daytona Beach but remnants of Hurricane Matthew reminded us of the devastating storm just one month ago. We all had tales of various degrees of damage, but survived and are happy and grateful as it could have been much worse.

Birthday wishes were in order for **Larry Horton**, and **Jim Myers** is celebrating his 51st anniversary since joining United. Congratulations to both!

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Steve Moddle**. He generously donated his winnings to our treasury and we then took a vote and selected 4 charities to support this year. Our treasurer **Penny Logan** was absent but will be asked to send checks to the Family Renew Community,

The Salvation Army of Daytona, St. Jude Children's Hospital and the Jesus Clinic of Daytona Beach.

President **Dick Coughlin** provided an update to United events and Vice-President **Steve Moddle** read a letter from a retiree's widow which provided insight to our United Retiree Insurance benefit. You don't know how good it is until you need it!

Finally, our Christmas luncheon is all set! It's Thursday, December 1, at the Smyrna Yacht Club, 1201 S. Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL. The cost is \$30 per person inclusive of tax and tip. The menu is prime rib with baked potato, vegetable and Chef's choice for the dessert. Payment is to be made to the Smyrna Yacht Club the day of the event and credit cards only are accepted. It's a lovely venue and the food is delicious. RSVP to **Dick Coughlin** as soon as possible. We thank **Ken Carpenter** for setting this up for us!

Calendar:

December 1 – 12:00 - Smyrna Yacht Club 1201 S. Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach

January 5 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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President Al welcomed 29 retirees to join him in the Pledge to begin our meeting. Ernie held the flag and as the many veterans present saluted, we remembered that Veterans Day is coming soon. A big thank you to all of you for your service and commitment to the USA.

Treasurer Charlotte gave the money report and we have a total in all funds of \$1968.22. The Charity Fund is overflowing and next month at the Christmas Luncheon, we will vote for the charities of our choice to receive donations our Real McCoy's Chapter.

At our table today, **Jim Weeks**, asked me if I knew how long he'd been retired. I actually have vivid memories of his retirement party, but admitted I couldn't remember how long ago. "Well", he said, "I retired 20 years ago today, November 1st." Holy Smokes, 20 years! Then, I realized that I retired 10 years ago today, November 1st, and **Al Fields** said, "Wow and I retired 8 years ago today, November 1st, too." Time sure flies when you're having fun! What a bunch of lucky stiff, huh! How long have YOU been retired.

Secretary Elaine took the floor/mike to share a beautiful thank you card to the chapter from **Susan Ulman**. Don's final service was on October 28th at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell and once again, a wonderful representation of our UAL family were there with Susan.

Ernie shared info on a possible benefit for veterans

who resided at the US Marine Base Camp Lejeune, NC, who may have been exposed to contaminated drinking water during the dates 8/1/1953 and 12/31/1987. Contact the VA for further information &/or to enroll, 1-877-222-8387.

Stan & Barb Halterman were not at the meeting because Barb had knee replacement surgery today, prayers for her and all who need His healing power.

Birthday Smiles to **Richard Armistead** turning 85 on November 15th!

Anniversary Congrats & Best Wishes for many more go out to **Jim & Audrey Weeks**, celebrating 59 years on November 17th!

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Our first meeting of the season on October 7 had a small turnout of 9 people, due to illness and snowbirds not yet back to Florida. It was decided to abandon the 50/50 drawing because of the small group. As usual, there was lively conversation, and the few enjoyed the luncheon just as well as if we had 30.

Our November 1 meeting had 14 in attendance. In the 50/50 drawing, **Lynna Baker** won the big prize of \$17. **Ed Clarke**, **Angel Stokely**, and **Gary Crittenden** each went home with a bottle of wine. **Paul Olson** was thrilled to get a bag of Malted Milk Balls.

We discussed the upcoming Christmas Party. There will be a gift exchange with the gifts being passed from one to the other during the reading of a story. Whatever gift is held at the end of the story belongs to that person. It always brings a lot of laughs and is requested every year.

There were also discussions about Medical and Trip Insurance. It was mentioned that Medicare will not pay for any illness or accident overseas. It is wise to buy extra insurance if traveling out of the country. Supplemental insurance such as Aetna waits for Medicare to say they won't pay, then the patient needs to get proof of accident/illness from a ship, hotel, airline etc. before the supplement kicks in. Meanwhile the patient has to pay up front and wait to be reimbursed, which could take months.

Several couples are planning Caribbean cruises in November and December. **Bill & Margie Burg** are sailing Thanksgiving week, and **Ed & Judy Clarke** with **Paul & Ingrid Olson** will be at sea in December.

Calendar:

First Friday of the month October through May.



TREASURE COAST

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Our November meeting started out with the Pledge Allegiance and a small meeting it was with only seven members in attendance. Yes that is correct, 7 and yours truly was one of the missing since I had eye surgery on October 27 and was dealing with a lot of pain and no sleep to boot! The other reason we had only seven was some members are travelling, illness was also a culprit. Let's hope all those who are ill get better real soon so they can enjoy the upcoming holidays.

After a hearty lunch, discussions re. the convention in SEA with the great picture in the Newsletter, upcoming Holiday/Christmas Party which of course will be held at the Twisted Tuna in Port Salerno on December 8th starting at 6PM, the great time we had at our picnic with 32 members in attendance. Of course we will mention to all again, if you are in the area please stop in and join us at any of our functions, call President **Al Popek** at (772) 283-0358 or email at ualpbi@att.net, he will be more than happy to answer any of your questions and give directions.

Other items mentioned were the health insurance for 2017 and how great it is that our President of UAL Oscar is working with all groups both active and retired employees, we all appreciate him listening to all of our concerns.

Result of the November Elections for the Treasure Coast Chapter for 2017-2018: President **Al Popek**, Vice President **Bob Langevin**, Treasurer **Diane Liebisch**, Secretary **Mary Kay Weatherington**. Congratulations! Our thanks to our current Secretary **Jane Kerr** for the many years of dedicated work. Jane decided it was time to retire from this important position. We welcome our new Secretary **Mary Kay Weatherington** effective January 1, 2017.

The 50/50 was won by **Janet Hanley**, and the Progressive was won by **Al Popek**. We all thought that with only 7 members at the meeting, it would roll over to December. The table Fall decoration donated by **Janice & Al Popek** was won by **Carolyn Lindgren**.

November Birthdays ~ **Sharon Kirk** (11/1), **Mary Kay Weatherington** (11/4), **Dee Lasko** (11/15), **Pat Williams** (11/19), **Bob Williams** (11/22), **Ed Snyder** (11/22). November Anniversaries ~ **Maureen & Mike Carragher** (11/16), **Sharon & Tom Kolibab** (11/16), **Diane & Paul Liebisch** (11/18), **Pat & Bob Williams** (11/26). Congratulations to all.

Please note that 2017 dues are due now. We would like to extend a Very Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking.

Calendar:

December 6 – No Luncheon/Meeting

December 8 - 6PM Christmas/Holiday Party, Twisted

Tuna, Port Salerno - Toys for Tots

January 3 - 1230PM Luncheon/meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart

February 7 - 1230PM Luncheon/meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart

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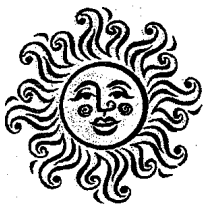
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World!



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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December—Indulge me if I end the year proudly by saying that my Chicago Cubs won the World Series after waiting for 108 years! I only waited a little over 70 years, but wow, what a finish! What a series, those games were not for the faint of heart. Good thing our phones have 911 programmed into them. I congratulate the team, managers,

and owners. Not sure what kind of magic dust, or holy water that they used on those players, but it worked and I'm so glad. The emotions displayed by people saying, 'Hey dad, this one's for you', or grandpa, etc., all of those that went before us, waiting, but missed the big event. That was the main thought of the followers in the city and across the nation that are die-hard Cubs fans. Every fan has a memory that attaches them to the Cubs, attaches it to a relative. Nobody could talk about it without getting a little misty-eyed. I saw people my age picking out shirts at Walmart getting a little emotional. This is more meaningful for us 'old-timers'. Somebody else might not understand that, but the millions of us that have known four words all of our lives, 'wait till next year', we do understand. We're like that *Little Engine that Could*, 'I think I can, I think I can.' Most of us are still wondering, did that really happen? Am I watching, 'Back to the Future?' Even cemeteries' headstones have been decorated with blue flowers, flags and ribbons. The matchup between the Indians and the Cubs was unique in its story all by itself. Cleveland had not played in a World Series since 1948, Chicago, since 1908. Now, really, who wouldn't want either team to win? After long droughts of heartache, nobody would have denied either team a victory. I give kudos to the Indians for playing excellent baseball and bringing a pennant to their city. Who knows, we might meet up again. Jake Arrieta said it best, 'A dream turned into reality by the boys in blue'. Five million people came to Chicago to celebrate, and celebrate they did! The mood was electric, to match the electric blue dye the city put into the Chicago River. The day of the parade was a perfect day with a Cubbie blue sky. It seemed as though every fan that left us was looking down and wearing their blue shirts for the day, showing approval and happiness, saying, 'Yessss, they did it!' Everybody there felt the same; we are all connected with that same blue thread. And, it is a beautiful thing. My dad would've loved this day. He would've loved game seven! Thank you, Cubs, for what you've done for Cubs fans everywhere and the city of Chicago. I'm so glad I lived to see this. Thank you, God!

Back to earth and our gatherings. We had a few newbies at our Northside breakfast. **Judi Felde**, Cargo Sales, **Larry Mallach**, EXOKF/KU, **Roseanne Beaudette**, EXOAC. Returning members included **Joan Teister** and **Ken Lucht**. **Barb Wesemann** returned from her bus trip to Maine and went right out to California to visit relatives. **Jerry Tipperreiter**, and his friend, **Pam**, got their kicks on a trip down Route 66. **Robert Sobol**, ORDMK, and his wife, **Karen**, CHIRR, were able to confirm that we can still park in the Northwest corner of the Res parking lot on Touhy Avenue, and get the American cab for \$13.00, plus tip, to ORD. There is a sign as you drive in that tells you where to park. Call ahead at 800 244-1177, for a reservation. When you return, call them, they'll pick you up, take you back to the Res center. Once you call them, your number is in their system forever.

Our Chicago Loonies were well represented at the River Falls, Wisconsin trip in October. Attending were

Ginny Vlach, Helen Cauwels, Sharon Gaffor, Norm Wilkinson, Jim Sommerfield, Shirley Johnson, Jan Gawenda, and our old friends, **Carol & Bob Faust.** It was so good to see friends from Minneapolis and Wisconsin, not only in the tours and talking, but we also were able to watch the debate and the Cubs games together. The games were more fun! See the Northwood Loonies column for detailed report of everything we saw and did together. Well, maybe not everything! For our next Loonies adventure, we are going back to Oshkosh! I hope many of you will join us there. A good time will be had by all. Guaranteed! Activities and festivities are already being planned.

The Southside Breakfast had about a dozen attendees. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** were heading out to LAS to see their old friend **Lynn Denkelaar**, from ORDCG, to celebrate Gwen's 39th birthday (again). The raffle was won by **Gwen Brookins, Perry Pahl,** and **Scotty Ward.** Hope that \$10.00 helped in LAS. We mourned the death of our own **Betty Doran**, EXOPW, one of the founders of the Southside breakfast and the Midway Girls. Betty was also on the Planning Board. In recent years, she moved to Bushnell, IL to be closer to her daughter. She was a lovely, active lady and passed at 95.

Other UAL'ers that flew West last month are, from ORDFO, **Warren Helper**, and **Roger Hall**, who was instrumental in ending the 1985 strike; **Al Baum**, ORDJL, **Dick Riedl**, ORDCG, **David Teter**, EXOAS, **Randy Agbayani**, EXOKF, and three good friends of mine, **Curt Petzel**, ORDMM/ORDCG, **Ray Kintis**, ORDMM, and **Fran Carro**, ORDDF, and DENFF. Rest in Peace.

Third quarter Postage Donors: **Marlene Anderson, Jay Boberek, Harvey Bruning, Vivian Bukar, Katherine Brynelsen, Helen Cauwels, Rich DelBoccio, Sharon Dunham, Judi Felde, LaVonne Halach, Dee Kappitelli, John Koehl, Virginia Kondraros, John Kozlik, Lillian Mallstrom, Nancy Meyer, Marilyn Neale, Joan O'Hara, Ruth Opitz, Larry Parker, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Dianne Thompson, Jerry Tipperreiter, John Wade, Don Wagner, Anna Wozniak.**

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So, what are you doing New Year's Eve? Looking to the future and hopefully a year filled with happiness and friends. Auld Lang Syne, means 'times gone by', and is about remembering friends from the past and not letting them be forgotten. Believe me, some of those special friends will always be missed and never be forgotten. Wishing a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year to all of you. Take care of yourselves so we can all enjoy one more year together. What could be better?

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**December 14**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

December 6 - Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, Avalon Restaurant, Higgins Road, Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails

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Several Indy Racers "Shuffled Off to Buffalo" and were lulled by the "Lullaby of Broadway" before finding they were "In the Money" when they attended the dinner theater presentation of 42nd Street at the Myers Dinner Theater in October. Earlier in the year, our group enjoyed a great meal and the presentation of Happy Days at the same theater. "42nd Street" traces the history of a Broadway musical from its casting call to the opening night. Pictured at the theater outing are **Leanna & Warren Sherman, Bob & Mert Duty** and **Wanda Bryce**. Other racers attending were **Jack & Carol Conway, Frank & Rita Prins** and **Mario & Margie Bregante**.



During our November meeting, the Indy Racers successfully filled "Santa Collection Boxes" with new unwrapped toys, and presented them to **Jack Conway** and his brother for the Annual Marine Corp Toys for Tots program. Jack's brother is in the Marine Corp reserve and explained that children from low-income families throughout Central Indiana will be able to find a toy under the Christmas tree this year because of the generosity of the Indy Racers and people throughout the community who contribute to the annual program. The Racers will be enjoying our holiday luncheon party and Secret Santa gift exchange on December 13th at Maggiano's at Keystone at

the Crossing on the North side of Indianapolis. If you plan to take part in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift that has a value of approximately \$15 to the luncheon.

Thank you to our By-Laws Committee members, **Wanda Bryce, Jim Gibson, Charles Theiss and Chris Johnston**, who served as committee chair. Revised by-laws were presented and approved at the October meeting. Due to concerns for the safety of our aging members, we have eliminated meetings in January and February when Indiana roads can be covered with ice and snow. We also restructured the organization so that we now have only two elected representatives, (1) Finance and (2) Historian. Because there will be no formal agenda for scheduled monthly meetings, any member may sign up to "host" a scheduled luncheon. That member then becomes responsible for informing members what the agenda will be. Attending the October meeting and voting on the by-law changes were **Hannelore Brabo, Margie & Mario Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Bob & Mert Duty, Jim Gibson, Chris Johnston, Frank & Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel, Charles Theiss, and Tony & Barb Urbanovic**. Charles' son, Anthony, attended as a guest.

Frank Prins won the 50/50 drawing. Treasurer **Tony Urbanovic**, a Continental and United Retiree who helped with the conversion of the reservation system when the airlines merged, gave a presentation on travel pass updates and open enrollment for insurance coverage. He is putting together a hand out for reference on travel and will update the information again during our May 2017 meeting.

Happy Birthday to Vice President **Margie Bregante**, celebrating on December 6. And Happy Anniversary to **Hannelore & Ray Brabo**, celebrating on December 21.

Calendar:

December 13 - Holiday Luncheon and Secret Santa Gift Exchange at Maggiano's Restaurant at Keystone at the Crossing Shopping Mall, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

January & February 2017 - No meetings scheduled. Regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of the month will resume in March.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Our October luncheon was held at the East Bay Grill, on the ocean at historic Plymouth MA. Having arrived in Plymouth early from my 110 mile journey from Auburn, NH; we decided to tour around the town. Even with a 47 degree temperature, there were crowds of tourists at Plymouth Rock, and the replica of the Mayflower, which actually sailed here from England several decades ago. There

are many beautiful early colonial homes on very narrow streets in perfect condition, most notably, the Museum of the Mayflower Society, which I'm told is all about the descendants of the original colonists who came over on said boat. Just a mile out of town is the Plymouth Plantation, a replica of the colonist's first town. Our Pilgrims arrived at the beginning of winter and were unable to plant crops, so, food was scarce. They met up with the local natives, the Nauset tribe, who shared their food and taught survival during winter, thus the beginning of our first Thanksgiving Day celebration.

Fourteen Nor'Easters and two guests enjoyed good company and good food. **Oscar Bauerle's** daughter, Ingrid and **Charlie Stauler's** niece Arlene were our two guests as neither Oscar nor Charlie drive now. Both ladies have attended past meetings and are always welcome. Oscar does weekly therapy for his Parkinson's, but is doing well. He was the baker at BOSHH and has weekly help so he can continue baking. Good for you Oscar, to rest is to rust! Not seen in some time, **Gladys Willis**, whose guest couldn't attend. Glad to have you though Gladys. The 50/50s were won by **Fred Parks**. Since our previous all time winner, **Bill Shailor** left us for the Friendly Skies, has been seceded by our current all time winner, **Elaine Vanderwal**. She did it again, winning both the free lunch vouchers. **Helmut Umbley** won the bottle of wine and our treasurer **Bill Vanderwal**, won the progressive, \$20. Next luncheons progressive will start out at \$10, be there to win!

Janet & Frank DeStefano advised me I almost caused them to miss the Lobster Cruise last month by being off ½ hour on the ships departure time. There's that old age thing crawling up again, oh well! Our own **Lynn O'Hara** who hiked the 600 mile Camino de Santiago trail in Spain and France this April & May, soared to new heights, a tandem skydiving jump out of a perfectly good airplane. They had to be pushed out of the plane as the 120 mile an hour wind pushed against them. Although high over Lebanon, ME; she could see west to Mt. Washington in NH and east out to the Atlantic. Lynn wants to blow the lid off old age, but doesn't know what to do next! All suggestions accepted! My hats off to you Lynn!

The lack of rain is still plaguing New England. Can't say if we're doing better or worse than other states, although northern NH & ME have been doing fine. I live ½ mile uphill from a reservoir, which usually holds water right up to the road, but right now you can walk out 60 to 80 feet before you touch water. I wonder about those who deny global warming!

December's birthdays: **Oscar Bauerle, Jack Casey, Thomas Snyder and Roy Templeton**.

You know you've reached old age when your cautioned to slow down by your doctor and not a policeman.

Calendar:

December 6 - Christmas party, Danvers Port Yacht Club, Danvers, MA.

January & February 2017 – No meetings

MICHIGAN



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Our November luncheon was held at Crispelli's Bakery and Pizzeria in West Bloomfield hosted by **Joanna O'Brien**. Twenty one retirees gathered to enjoy a great lunch and good friends. People must have been enjoying themselves. Some of us were at the restaurant for four hours!

Lorry Jackola Cahill (DTWRR, LANCS, DENCS) was in town recently to attend the Polish Genealogy Society of Michigan seminar. She, her niece Kerri Anderson, and I spent the day listening to several lectures and had a delicious lunch. Lorry, **Joni O'Brien** and her mother Helen Venn, and I had lunch with **Sharon Jacob** and her daughter, Lisa. Boy did we laugh. It was great fun. Lorry and Joni also spent a day with **Marie Cook** and enjoyed a beautiful, warm October afternoon on Marie's deck. They really enjoyed spending time together and reminiscing about old times.

Good news for those of you that have United health insurance with Aetna. We checked with Aetna and they said that they cover the cost of a shingles shot 100%! But because I am a skeptic, check it out yourself, 800 334-0110.

A very special thank-you to **Lili Graydon Pearson**, formerly of DTWRR, who sent along some absolutely beautiful photographs of Colorado.

MINNESOTA

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22 Lites came together for lunch and visiting on a chilly, windy day. We hadn't seen **Randy Cirsena** in a while, nor Dr. **Jan Meyer**, nor **Gene & Kookie Delvaux**, so it was good to have a chance to visit with all of them again. **Lee Storlie**, our embattled president, attended the SEA convention with our old buddy, **Jim Simon**, presently of the SMF area. Lee flew to SMF and met up with Jim, then they both drove up the coast to the convention together. They both thoroughly enjoyed the road trip, the convention, sightseeing and the hotel. (FYI ~ the attendance at the convention was 350 or so; the MSP convention in 1999 drew 999 retirees. Declining membership? Attrition? Naaaw, clearly, ours was the best!)

Re. **Jim Simon**, congratulations for being elected Executive Vice-President of RUAEA! Just so he doesn't get

a big head, a gentle reminder that "we knew you when, Jim"!

It's that time of year again when we discuss our charitable giving. **Lee** suggested we once again fund the Flight 93 Chapel (or maybe the Clinton Foundation ~ yuk, yuk) but due to the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, **Jim Brennan** made a suggestion that we donate to the folks who have been hit hardest by the storm's path, the Haitians. Someone brought up the fact that the Carolina's had been hit pretty hard, too, but we all felt that there are enough resources for our citizens to recover quickly. Haiti is a poor country and many of her people are now homeless, without power and safe water, etc. **Jo & Bud Ayres** already have an ongoing charitable activity for Haiti through their church, so it was decided to donate \$100 to Haiti through their church connection.

Lyle & Sonja Gunderson have sold their farm and are temporarily living at their lake place. But we all know Wisconsin winters, so they kept 4 acres for a new home site and a new abode is under construction now. (Keep your snuggies handy, **Gundersons**!)

Al Gunderson's not doing too well; he has declined further treatment for the cancer. **Marty Arnold & Randy Cirksena** recently visited him and they all had a good ol' time recalling stories of their years on the ramp together. No doubt, a beer or few helped the recollections flow. **Al's** address is: 309 W. Spring St., Roberts, WI 55023.

Temporarily outta commission: **Bernie Hazekamp**, back surgery and **Mary Brennan**, knee replacement. Mind your doctors now, both of you.

Lou & Gordy Olson recently attended a Medal of Honor ceremony held at the new US Bank (Vikings) Stadium in Minneapolis. 34 of the 77 surviving recipients attended. The CEO of US Bank spoke and **Lou** said that his remarks were extraordinarily moving, the most incredible event she'd ever attended.

Jo & Bud Ayres once again hosted the Northwoods Loon(ie)s Autumn get together in River Falls, WI, and as usual, those attending were treated to interesting tours (Univ. of Wisconsin Food Science Dept. and farm, a company which makes buckets for construction machines, another which uses various types of lasers, etc.), nice accommodations, good food and ~ of course! ~ *great* company. Why there aren't hundreds of UAL retirees taking part in the Loonies events is a puzzle, because they're always so much fun. The best part is the "people" part, though; making new friends and catching up with old friends makes those junkets very special.

The birthday roll-off was won by **Randy Cirksena**. He was also one of the raffle winners, along with Dr. **Jan Meyer**, **Jo Ayres** and **Janet Meyer**. All the prizes were donated to the Haitian relief fund, along with a bit more from some in the crowd.

Two of our members seem to be cleaning house ~ **Dave Wiley** notified us that he has a bunch of airline wine glasses for sale and **Lee Storlie** was trying to get rid of some 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games lowball drink glasses. Hmmm ... or maybe they've quit drinking?

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to Currell Blvd, right to the first driveway on the right.

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On a beautiful rainy day, 27 of us enjoyed a great German meal at Gerda's German Restaurant and Bakery hosted by **Tony & Jackie Sortino**. Not only did we have a great meal, but a great dessert was included. We could choose from Black Forest cake or white nut cake. They were delicious. It did really rain, but as far as I know no one melted. I had an old friend (Bill Harrison) who would say "you won't melt" if I were to complain of rain. We used to walk at the zoo's walking club.

I had a fun call this week from **Melvina Brazys** (pronounced BRA-ZEES). She wanted me to know when her birthday was. She also shared with me that she worked for many years in the flight kitchen. She worked in the pantry area making salads and sandwiches. She started working in 1946 and made \$1.22 per hour. **Charlie Cromling** was her boss. She is now 92 years old and living in a care facility in Fremont. I asked if she could get around and she said "no" and said that was another very uninteresting story. She couldn't remember when the flight kitchen closed, but apparently she worked until then.

Winners of the 50/50 were **Ev Holly** and **Arnie Mahoney**, each received \$13.

In talking with **Dick Weak**, we learned that **Marilyn** has had a return of the pancreatic cancer that is now classified as Stage 4. She is taking additional chemo treatments and the doctors hope that will cause a "turn around" in the diagnosis. We all certainly hope so, too.

I received a card from **Lorraine Stanfield** telling us that her s/o **Ralph Bichel** is now at home on hospice care. She is the primary care giver with assistance from visiting nurses. Our prayers are with you both.

I talked with **Roger Jensen**. He said he is doing "OK". He continues to take treatments every 2 weeks that are not causing too much trouble. The biggest problem right now is a sore back that he strained trying to get into the pickup. He thinks it is a little better. He has been cleared to drive so they do get around some on their own.

Our next meeting on November 1, is at Longhorn Bar and Grill, Fort Calhoun, located on the east side of Highway 75 (101 S. 14th Street) hosted by **Betsy Anderson**. We will be able to order off the menu which has a wide selection of choices. It would help the restaurant to know how many are coming so if you would either call Betsy at

(402) 426-5522 or email her at blairpines@gmail.com. Let her know if you are coming. No need to say if you are not. She has arranged for a speaker from OPPD to talk about the process of closing the Nuke Plant and where the energy will come from since they provide about 30% of the power in this area. This should be very interesting.

Change of address: **Carroll Ballard** has moved to Westgate Assisted living at 3030 S. 80th Street, Omaha, NE 68124. Phone number remains the same (402) 345-7876. His son Jeff says "he is doing fine."

Birthdays for the month of November are **Rose Langan** (8), **Bill Vogt** (12), **Marilyn Weak** (19), **Russ Meyer** (28). A great big Happy Birthday to each of you on your day.

Calendar:

December 6 – Christmas Luncheon at Anthony's Steakhouse, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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The Las Vegas Silverliners had their luncheon / meeting at Giuseppe's on 10/13/2016. The meeting was opened with our President **Rosemarie Restivo** getting the membership into reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the US American Flag. Rosemarie mentioned that we were in need of a person to fill the Vice President position because of **George Fox** giving up the position due to his health. Member **Chris Czaplewski** said she would be willing to assume the position, so it was 2nd by the membership and she was approved unanimously by all present. So we are happy to report that our new Vice President is **Chris Czaplewski**. Rosemarie then announced that we have a new member, **Carol Burnstein** – SFOSW, Carol was not present due to her work schedule but she was welcome to our membership.

Rosemarie introduced our Secretary **Don Rutkowski**; Don presented a new membership list to all attendees to review for correct information. He noted in his presentation that we have a membership of 75 retired members and spouses/partners. Don also briefly touched on the RUEA convention coming to Las Vegas next year in September. He asked for volunteers willing to work the convention and got 13 so far. There will be a meeting with RUEA personnel in December to go over the volunteer requirements and duties. He stated that he has asked in an Email for that meeting to coincide with our December Luncheon so the National Leadership can speak to all at once.

Next introduced was our Treasurer **Christine Earl**; she gave a report on the Silverliners finances and reminded

everyone that the membership dues for 2017 are due before the year end. She also reminded us all that at our December Luncheon, we will be collecting canned goods and packaged foods for the local Food Kitchen "Helping Hands". She stated that last year was a great showing and the Kitchen was very thankful to us for our support.

Our Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the 9 Birthdays and 4 Anniversaries for September and October. She also mentioned a couple of our members that were home sick with flu like symptoms. There was a mention of our Treasurer **Christine Earl** and her husband **Woody** just returning from a trip to the Greek Islands where they had a wonderful time. Also our new VP **Chris Czaplewski** and her husband **Jim** returned from a tour visiting friends and family in DEN, MCI, MKE and Roundup, MT. We are glad they had a safe trip and returned to us.

Our new 50/50 raffle coordinator **Georgia Rutkowski** arrived at the Luncheon with 40 hard covered books from her personal home collection. These books were free to anyone who wanted one or more, and before the luncheon ended, 31 books were taken to enjoy by our members. The remaining books will be donated to the Library at Summerlin.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@centurylink.net or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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There were 11 members and guest **Lynne Liebelt**, assistant to **Maurine Williams**, at our October meeting at the Black Bear Diner. John & I were on a Canyonlands Tour with AAA the first two weeks of October. **Kathy Robinson** did a great job filling in as President.

The Christmas Luncheon has been confirmed for Friday, December 9 at Tamarack Junction. The signup flyer will be sent separately to each member via US mail the first week of November. The due date is December 1. Once again this year, we will be collecting cash and checks for the No. Nevada Food Bank. The meal choices will be Chicken Marsala, Baked Salmon and Pork Loin and will include salad, bread/butter, dessert and coffee and tea. Cocktail service will also be available.

October birthdays were celebrated by **Pat Nettles**, **Donna Perkins**, and **Barbara Leusing**. **June Roe**, our newest member, was the winner of the 50/50.

NEW JERSEY

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Worzocha**, and a moment of silence was held for two of our members who have passed, **Nate Lewis**, and **Frank Kolmansperber**; both of EWR ramp service.

It was good to see **Leotis Moon**, **Carnal Marable**, and **Dick Confer**. Dick again reminded us about our "Toys for Tots" that should be brought in when we have our Christmas luncheon on December 14. On our disabled list is **George Whitman** who was recovering from a broken hip, we expect to see him at our Christmas luncheon. Also **Freddie Landspurg** was hospitalized but we also expect him for our gala occasion for the holidays, at least we can all order prime rib!

Frank gave our financial report, and once again we can see daylight. Our ever popular **Diane Johnson** won the 50/50. There will be no meeting in November, however, there will be our annual Christmas luncheon on December 14, at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM sharp. Everyone should make an effort to be there.

"Life is a balance between holding on, and letting go"

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS



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Autumn in New York and a perfect day for our luncheon, with 31 Metros in attendance, our one guest being **Mario Lagasi**, the **Pozzis** grandson. Although there are about 80 on our membership list, I think we can solidify active members down to about 40, with another dozen or so who attend our summer picnics and Christmas luncheon. Speaking of which, if you will be attending, please call **Dee Talochino** at (516) 623-8225, or email DeeLee62@aol.com. We hope to see you then. It will be at Filomena's Restaurant in Franklyn Square, (516) 437-4919. Price \$40.00.

After many years of faithful service (a star for perfect attendance), **Paul Cohen** has retired as treasurer, to be replaced by **Emma Milazzo**. **Jim Richardson** has been re-elected V.P. and **Ed Pozzi** and I remain as Prez and Secretary. And you thought the national elections were bad!

I was the only New Yorker at the Seattle Convention - bought 60% ticket EWR-SEA. Weather in the 80's when I got there. I didn't do any of the tours, but enjoyed my stay

anyway. Nice hotel accommodations, free breakfasts, but ran out of salmon at Friday's party. That was a disappointment. Got the last seat SEA/SFO to visit my nephew there, and middle seat coach SFO-EWR. Not such fun anymore. Looking forward to 2017 convention in Las Vegas! Love those slots. Came home with \$400.00 over what I took to Resort's World, at Aqueduct so that was nice.

Winners of our 50/50 were: 1st - prize, **Jim Richardson**, 2nd - **Mario Lagasi** and 3rd - **Evelyn Schroeder**. Happy Birthday to those present, **Leo Talochino**, **Carol Malley-Davis** and **Una DeGeorge**.

Two deaths reported - **Fred Jones**, JFK and **Joseph Tanzabel**, a non-member of Metros, but worked at LGA. I have no further information as this was just recently received. Our prayers for them and to their families.

Our next meeting is December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day. I had a cousin who was serving on the USS Helena that day. He left the engine room to attend Mass, and the fellow who took his place was killed. Al went on to serve the rest of the war on a submarine. God bless them all. Remember to fly your flags.

Calendar:

December 7 – Filomena's in Franklyn Square

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NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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Fifteen Northwoods Loonies were in the town of River Falls, Wisconsin Oct. 18th - Oct. 21st for friendship, fun and explorations unknown. Those who attended from MN were **Lee Storlie**, **Arleen** & **Joe Kelley**. The Wisconsin people were **Nel Brawner**, **George (Bud) & Joanne Ayres**. Our Illinois attendees were **Jan Gawenda**, **Helen Cauwels**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Jim Sommerfield**, **Shirley Brown**, **Norm Wilkenson** and **Sharon Gaffor**. Unfortu-

nately, our Michigan people were unable to join us. Two former IL residents, **Bob & Carol Faust**, flew in from Colorado to be with the group.

Tuesday the 18th was checking in at The Country Inn Suites in River Falls and going out to Perkins for dinner.

Wednesday the 19th was our first day of explorations and tours. We arrived at the University of WI, River Falls at the food science building, where we met our tour guide, Steve Watters, meat plant manager. He explained all about cheese, its processing, fat content, etc. Also about the difference between butter and margarine. He then spoke to us about beef, the different cuts, muscles, fat, weighing before and after cooking. We went into the huge freezers where a pig was hanging to be used for a pig roast! Mr. Watters was a wealth of information answering the many questions from our group. At the end of the tour, he gave us blocks of yellow and white cheddar cheese to enjoy.

Upon leaving the University, we travelled to the college farm, Mann Valley Farm. Our tour guide was Dr. Duane Wachholz, Emeritus Professor of Animal Science. The occupants on the farm are cows, pigs, and lambs. Dr. Wachholz explained the milking, breeding, special feeding of the cows, plus so much more. Too many things to mention. That afternoon, an employee of the "The Little Free Library" came to our hotel. He told us about the history of how Little Free Library got its start. It is an amazing project open to anyone who is interested in either buying a Little Library or buying a kit to make one. The premise of the library is to have free reading material for anyone who is interested in reading books or providing books that are no longer wanted or needed. The rule of thumb is "take a book, bring a book". There is no need to bring back the book that was taken, just replace it with something else. Children's books, craft magazines, novels of good taste, etc.

Thursday, October 20th we began our second day of exploration by going to Hudson, WI and visiting Laser Magic/Accumark. Eric, the owner, showed us the many different lasers that they use for various jobs. The Fiber Optic Laser is used for marking materials such as plastics and metals. The YAG Laser has remarkable effects on brass, pewter, acrylic, plastics, and other materials. The CO2 laser is best used to etch organic materials, such as wood, acrylics, plastics, glass, marble, rubber, paper and fabrics. Our next stop was Empire Buckets. We learned about the shovels/buckets on big machines and construction equipment. We toured their warehouse and saw the machinery and equipment used to make their products. They make excavator, sand, and ditch buckets, as well as custom fabrications. Our last tour was to "Plantables". Owners Jim Schreiber and Karen Klyczek wanted to open a workplace for adults with disabilities, thus the formation of Plantables. Workers of all abilities, and volunteers work together to create products for your garden and the environment. They make plantable greeting cards, (they have seeds in the paper card). Bee Bombs filled with seeds to benefit bees and other pollinators. There is a web site that you can visit.

Friday, a morning of hugs, kisses and goodbyes until the next Loonies event! All United retired people are welcome to come and join us. Interested in coming to an event, call **Bud Ayres**, (715) 425-2755.

OHIO



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Our October 5th gathering was held at Coppertop/Cherokee Hills Golf Course. On a lovely fall day, we had 73 members in attendance. It was so nice, the golf course was in prime condition and I almost believe I heard a few say they would prefer to be golfing, rather than having lunch ... I wonder?

Vice President **Arlene Taylor** said Grace and proceeded to remind us to be thankful for the many gifts we have and sometimes take for granted. Many are not so fortunate.

A generous buffet lunch was served and enjoyed by all. President **Dolly Taucher** began our meeting by Thanking our host and hostess, **Joe & Shirley Moses**, for arranging this venue.

We were advised that **Andy Striegl**, ORDFO (formerly CLEFO) passed away September 17, 2016 at the age of 89. Andy was known for his kind and friendly nature. He returned to the Cleveland area after retirement in Chicago; he and his wife continued to be members of the Buckeyes. Since our luncheon, we have learned of the passing of another chapter member, **Virginia (Ginny) Plascak** (wife of Andy), on October 12, 2016. Ginny & Andy have been loyal members for the past 15 years. Our thoughts and Prayers are with Andy and family.

We welcomed **Barb Vaults** back after surgery. Dolly mentioned that many are dealing with difficulties. We need to pray for these folks.

Our "new" Co-Treasurers, **Tony & Darlene Novak** were introduced and thanked for coming 'on board'. Members were advised that all checks are to be made payable to "Ohio Buckeyes Chapter" and this includes checks for 2017 dues (due January 1st) and should be mailed to **John Taucher** or if preferred, handed to him. Also, all checks for pre-payment of our monthly luncheon are to be made payable to "Ohio Buckeyes Chapter" and mailed or hand delivered to the person/persons listed on the bottom of that particular monthly luncheon sheet.

Our 50/50 Lucky Raffle Winners were: #1-**Jack Preston**, #2-**Tom Hassel**, and #3-**Richard Foster**.

Birthdays: **Florence Alexander**, **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste**, **Mary Ann Friedel**, **Marty Hassel**, **Joe Moses**, **Cathy Pytel**, **Earl** and **Arlene Taylor** were the lucky ones, because as usual, we sang ♪ The Song ♪ to them.

Anniversaries: **Bob & Florence Alexander** (60

years); **Joe & Shirley Moses** (59 years); and **Leo & Doris Schueler** (56 years).

***Please see correction of our website above, then check it out and see all the fun we have (i.e. "Past meetings" tab for slideshows.)*

"You will always learn more by listening than by talking" ~ *Quote from Arnold Palmer to his grandson the evening before his recent passing.*



Buckeyes Newly Elected Officers ~ Left to right: **Dolly Taucher** (President), **Tony & Darlene Novak** (Co-Treasurers), **Kay Preston** (Secretary), and **Arlene Taylor** (Vice President).

Calendar:

December 7 - Diamond Event Center, Pearl Rd., in Brunswick hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**.

January - Winter break, no Luncheon.

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We had a very small group of only 54 at our October luncheon. The parking lot was under revision and the weather was foul, which may have deterred many from attending. They missed out on a wonderful feast which included Jaeger Schnitzel, red cabbage, salads and dessert. We look forward to a larger turnout in November.

Announcements ~ **Bob Hoffman** is doing better after his stroke, and did not need to go to rehab, he is now recovering at home. **Carole Luyten** is at home recovering from pneumonia. **Glen Swanson** is at Peace Health in Vancouver with a possible stroke. **Bill Peterson** is scheduled for surgery in about 2 weeks.

New Business ~ Getting folks to agree to run for office was difficult this year. Eventually the following agreed to serve on our board: **Linda Tracy** agreed to serve as a Board Director Member; **Barbara Heidegger** agreed to serve as President, but for only a one year term; **Terry**

Hotchkin will serve as Vice President. No one volunteered for secretary. We will ask for volunteers to take the minutes at each meeting. **Terry Hotchkin** will continue to write the newsletter article each month.

Anniversaries ~ No one in attendance was celebrating an anniversary this month.

Birthdays ~ **Barbara Heidegger** 83, **Linda Tracy** 73, **Henry Breitenstein** 65, **Tom Walker** 80, **Carl Gruenberg** 80, **Paul Russell** 76, **Bill French**.

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Patsy Ogden**, Men's Birthday - **Carl Gruenberg**, Women's Birthday - **Barbara Heidegger**, 50/50 - **Bob Woods**.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour
11:00AM, Lunch served at noon.

December 14 - Christmas Social

January 11 - Social



OUR CLUB

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We have some catching up to do from our little piece of heaven in Southern Oregon.

Our October luncheon was hosted by **Laurie Jorden** and held at Applebee's in our town of Grants Pass. We had thirteen in attendance with **Doe Pope**'s daughter winning our 50/50. Our gal **Linda Althouse** had a wonderful article written about her volunteer time spent at the local rehabilitation wildlife center, Wildlife Images. Since her retirement no moss has grown under her feet. Those of us who love people and animals can always find a place that can use volunteers. Big benefit is it keeps you active and also brings joy to those who need your help whether two or four legged.

Our November luncheon was held at Baldinis in nearby Merlin which was attended by nine of us. We had some great hamburgers and various candy treats which our host, **Doe Pope**, supplied. We all seem to be talking about our much needed rain and the fact it was the second wettest October recorded for our area. **Linda Althouse** won the 50/50 and donated it back into the chapter fund, thank you Linda.

Seven of us attended the memorial for **Russ Randell** which had a full military ceremony. It was very emotional and we all felt honored to be there to honor him and meet his wonderful children, brother and sister. Our love and support continues to be with our beloved **Alberta** during this difficult time.

As of this writing we have received news that **Ida Rogers**, wife of **Bob Rogers**, has passed away. Our prayers go out to Bob and family. Ida was a gracious and giving lady with love for all she met.

Wishing you all good health and a happy Thanksgiving. As Christmas approaches, let's all remember the true meaning of the season and be grateful for living in this great nation.

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Hello from Pittsburgh, we are now looking forward to enjoying falling leaves and beautiful colors of the season! As we all know, time marches on and lives change with time. Pittsburgh is no different, however, still alive and vibrant; getting ready for the holidays, Thanksgiving! If you remember, as I am sure you would recall, was the busiest time for working and traveling at the airport.

Our favorite past time for most of us is our local teams, the Steelers and their recovery of injuries (they are trying hard). Pittsburgh Pirates ending up not as great as they did last year, but had a good season! Penguins ice hockey up to a fast start and hoping to add their second consecutive Stanley Cup (wishful thinking)! Oops – sorry about the Steelers and Ravens, just watched game.

We had a few great surprises in September, Customer Service agent **Gary Lowers**, wife **Janice** and family, gathered with a group of RUAEA friends at the Embassy Suites near Pittsburgh airport! They enjoyed seeing neighbors and RUAEA friends. **Fred & Liz Reidel**, **Jim & Diane Weber**, **Cathy Cavello**, **Janet McGuire**, and **Paul & Betty Musko**! Great time! Gary & Janice would enjoy hearing from RUAEA friends, 5384 Sunrise Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89149.

Joann Juth (Jeri) (our very beautiful RUAEA lady) is coming along well and is at the residence at Villa St. Joseph, 1030 State St., Baden, PA 15005, (724) 869-6300, and would love to hear from her friends! She has been attending RUAEA luncheons, and, also able to go home and gather with family to watch the Steeler's games. We miss all of you – prayers for quick recovery.

Phyllis Smith, PIT customer service operations was at the same place as **Joann Juth**, Phyllis is convalescing at her home and would love to hear from you – 1672 Henrici Ave., Ambridge PA 15003. Our prayers are with you and miss you.

Our great RUAEA Northeast Director, **Treatie Karwoski**, trying to attend as much as possible but unable to drive and hoping she is coming along better each day. Treatie keeps us informed with all the updated information about RUAEA! We missed her at our October RUAEA luncheon. Treatie had a pleasant visit in October from **Ro-seann Woolley** who worked with her in San Francisco, CA; they gathered for lunch with **Rose Marie Lavelle** (**Rose Ann Woolley** knew **Rose Marie Lavelle** in Europe

(former UAL Stewardess) and **Jim & Diane Weber** joined them for lunch with many memories to share.

Pat Lavelle, former Pittsburgh Lead Mechanic, Rose Marie's husband, is now residing in West Hills Health and Rehab Center, 951 Broadhead Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108, Rm 115W. Congratulations to **Rose Marie & Pat Lavelle** on their 55th Wedding Anniversary on October 28th, **Pat Lavelle** also celebrated his 90th Birthday celebration on October 10th. God Bless You and Happy Birthday Pat!

We regret to inform some of our RUAEA people who passed away ~ **Earl Overfield** (September in Locanto, FL), 88 years, survived by his wife Darlene, they were married 31 years. Customer Service Sales/Marketing and promoted the sales of condos in Hawaii and Florida.

Also we learned that **Harry Gates** passed on October 8 at age 81, in Eugene, OR where he retired as Customer Service Supervisor, survived by his wife, of 58 years, **Virginia Gates**.

Congratulations to **Mary Jane Stewart**, elected RUAEA Secretary, we know she will do a great job! She was involved in both Pittsburgh Conventions, and we are sure she will use all the information she learned at the SEA Convention! Mary Jane and her son, Bryan who works for American Airlines accompanied her to see one of the tours in Seattle, Boeing Museum in Seattle! The Convention next year will be Las Vegas (Sounds awesome) September 27-30, 2017! Let's save our pennies for the slots!

President **Dave Beatty** and RUAEA friends are planning Christmas Luncheon, scheduled on Wednesday, December 14 at JW Halls Hopewell Shopping Center on Broadhead Road! **Lorraine Keith**, our secretary correspondent, will be sending out flyers! Hope we can see all of our members. Friends and family welcome too! Live, Love, and Laugh! FYI: Plan to bring your best airline work related favorite holiday story to share at the Christmas luncheon!

Happy October Birthday to **Doris Abbas** (8th), **Pat Lavelle** (10th), **Joan Ferrence** (17th), **Bernie Juth** (24th), and **Marlene Mootsie** (28th). October Anniversaries ~ **Pat & RoseMarie Lavelle** (10/28).

Happy November Birthday to **Karen Moliterno** (15th), **Lillian Lapceovich** (22th), and **Kay Frye** (19th). November Anniversaries ~ **Robert & Pat Wagner** (11/8), and **Jim & Diane Weber** (11/24).

Wishing all of our friends a Happy Thanksgiving and wishing you a very Happy, Peaceful, and Healthy Holidays.



TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Where has the time gone? There is only about 50 days left until the end of the year! As the old saying goes "time flies when you're having fun." Believe me when I say that all of the members of the Rocky Tops always have fun.

At our October social time breakfast get together, we had fun. Upon our arrival, we were all in for a surprise. The Egg & I restaurant had been sold (it's now called First Watch.) The new owners of the restaurant were in process of remodeling their only meeting room. So 25 attending members and guests had to use different tables in the dining area. All of the other diners in the restaurant knew that the UAL Rocky Tops were there and having fun.

Our next luncheon and business meeting will be held on November 17th at 12:30 PM at the Lakeside Tavern, 10911 Concord Park Drive, Knoxville, TN. Our host and Hostess will be **Barb & Mike Chapin**. For reservations, call (865) 675-3511.

From all of the Rocky Tops to y'all. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Calendar:

December 15 - Holiday Breakfast, 10:30 am at Egg & I, 111 Lovell Road, Farragut RSVP to Pollie.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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With 49 members of the Emerald City Slickers in attendance at the October luncheon at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien, President **Ken Storey** led the group in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" (after locating the flag!). After lunch, **Ken** began the business session with his usual collection of fun jokes.

Members were checked in outside the dining room by Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** and Assistant Treasurer Pro Tem **Gay Liesse**, substituting for **Noreen Krawczyk**, who was back in Michigan helping her high school classmates celebrate at their 50-year reunion. **Ed Liesse** filled in for **Richard Devereux** by peddling the 50/50 raffle tickets.

Rita Reynolds took over for Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen**, who was MIA and acquiring a knee replacement on meeting day. **Rita** had been **Frank McAnulty's** secretary when **Frank** was Station Manager here in Seat-

tle. **Frank** paid close attention, to be sure **Rita** crossed her t's and dotted her i's. She can still take shorthand notes, even this far removed from her working days in SEAOZ.

RUAEA Past President **Hank Gosselin** thanked members for their part in organizing the annual national convention here in Seattle. Attendance was up over last year and this was the first convention in some years to actually finish in the black.

Tom Holford visited rural schools while in Kenya, where the education system is very poor. We look forward to hearing **Tom** discuss his experiences and tell how we can help at the November meeting.

Suggestions for a possible holiday get-together in December were derailed, when **Ken Storey** put the kibosh on the project after considering hectic schedules and appointments, personal commitments, an extra issue of *Contrails* to publish details – and the fact that we had recently spent so much time on the convention. **Ken** will pursue organizing a summer picnic, which once had been an enjoyable annual event. He has a caterer in mind and has everyone keeping their eyes open to find a suitable venue.

We wonder if Sunshine Lady **Virginia Dice** sent herself a get well card when she had eye surgery a couple days after the October meeting.

The response to a request for toys and food donations to brighten the Christmas season for those less fortunate was overwhelming. **Dona Westpfahl** showed the children's books she had purchased at Kohl's. Each well-known tale had an appropriate stuffed animal available for sale, making a unique combination. (Guess what your correspondent's great granddaughters are getting for Christmas.) This is part of Kohl's Cares charity program that donates net profits from these products to support children's causes. The November meeting will provide one more opportunity to donate to Northwest Harvest and the Marine Toys 4 Tots program. **Ed & Gay Liesse** will deliver the goods and mail cash donations ASAP after the meeting. That will help retrieve their dining room in time for Thanksgiving.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** announced birthdays and anniversaries celebrated in October before presiding, with the help of **Bob Brumfield**, over the drawing for door prizes. The 50/50 prize went to **Tom Holford**.

A large attendance is expected at our November meeting and may present a seating and hearing challenge, as our usual private room at the restaurant has been usurped by a political group – on Election Day! Remember that our second Tuesday meeting date follows the RUAEA Newsletter deadline, so you'll have to wait for the January issue to learn how this event turns out.

With no meeting in December, the Emerald City Slickers will resume meeting January 10 and will continue to meet monthly through May. Guests always are welcome, but lunch reservations are required. Feel free to e-mail **Gay Liesse** (address at the top of this column) for information, if you plan to be in the Seattle area on the second Tuesday of a meeting month. Recent retirees and Continental retirees also are urged to join us.

Annual chapter dues of \$10 are due for 2017. This entitles you to copies of the chapter newsletter that is mailed before each meeting. Checks may be made out to RUAEA.

Is **Ron Paluch** still celebrating? The Chicago Cubs won the World Series!

It was uplifting to read Dale Harper's account of a meeting hosted by Oscar Munoz at Chicago's Corporate Center, looking for better ways to engage with retirees and to listen to their opinions and ideas. RUAEA President **Virgil Gooselaw** represented our organization and considered the meeting a high point. Oscar promises more to come, with another session planned for the first quarter of 2017.

Best wishes from your Seattle Retirees for a wonderful holiday season. Already, the New Year sounds more promising for United Airlines retirees.

Calendar:

December – No Meeting

January 10 – Luncheon meeting

February 14 – Luncheon meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Our October Luncheon was a lot of fun. We had many door prizes including two free lunches from the Golden Corral. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** had a gift for everyone. She printed business cards for herself (Vice President), **Judy Dunlap** (Treasurer), **Ina Ayers** (Chair of the Sunshine Committee), **Bob O'Roark** (Dulles Loungers Historian), and Moi. Also, thanks to Cathy, everyone went home with a trick or treat bag full of goodies. Many of our members came dressed in festive holiday colors. In the picture, you

can see that I just wore my every day hat and carried my normal broom.

I am happy to tell you that our membership is increasing. Our dues are not due until January, so I can't give exact numbers just yet. I will tell you that the O'Mearas drive all the way from Richmond to join us and are planning to bring a new member next month.

In November, we will be joined by a young Marine who will lunch with us and then carry our donations of cash and toys back to be delivered to the Toys For Tots Organization. This is an annual charity for the Loungers and we take pride in our members for their generosity. In November, we also give the chapter's share of our 50/50 proceeds to our servers. We always tip them, but we enjoy giving them a little extra to get them ready for Christmas. Our November luncheon is, of course, our thanksgiving celebration. It is a time when we reflect on our many blessings. We are blessed to have such a close-knit group, and to be part of a bigger family named UNITED. I personally am so grateful for the wonderful career that I shared with so many interesting and wonderful people.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone. Safe flying.

Calendar:

December 14 - Luncheon, 11:30AM at Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA. This will be our Christmas celebration, which will include carols as well as a cookie exchange.

January 11 - Luncheon (same place, same time). Lounger dues are due this month. A vote will be taken at this meeting regarding whether or not to make the flying circus an annual event.

We welcome guests and/or new members at all luncheons. Come see us.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Fa la la la la - la la la lah! 'Tis the season for Giving and Generosity so I just wanted to give you a quick peek at an example of this at one of our twenty-nine Clipped Wings chapters. On December 22, our CW Chapter in EWR will be distributing backpacks filled with items such as T shirts, boxers, socks, rain ponchos and other much-needed items to about 20 homeless men in their area. These men are very appreciative to receive these backpacks from our Clipped Wingers whose angel-wings are not clearly visible. For some of the men, it is likely to be the only Christmas gift they receive. And the good news is this is just one example of what a caring group of members we have at all of our Clipped Wings chapters.

If you are a current or former UAL/CO Stewardess/Steward or Flight Attendant and would like to be a part of this friendly and caring organization, just check out our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org or if you would like more information about a chapter in your area, just let me know at cwkarenwilliams@gmail.com. We are sure we have a spot just waiting for you and your unique talents where you'll have fun with new and old friends. We think you'll like this new door that we can open for you. (And you won't even have to disarm it first!)

Wishing you a holiday season filled with much kindness.



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NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your renewal date

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **October 2016**:

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- 3) Last Station worked
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- Retiree – **Bligh, Diana W.**, on 8/29/2016, SFOKM, wife of Richard Bligh, SFOKF, 3246 Kingston Way, Tavares, FL 32778
- Retiree – **Doran, Betty R.**, on 9/26/2016, EXOPW, wife of Thomas E. Doran (deceased), 1201 N. Cole St., Apt. 217, Bushell, IL 61422
- Retiree – **Franzen, Rosemund H.**, on 10/8/2016, SFOMD, 9360 E. Center Ave., Apt. 7D, Denver, CO 80247
- Retiree – **Kintis, Raymond L.**, on 10/1/2016, SFOMM, husband of Margaret (Marj) Kintis, 2033 19th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140
- Retiree – **Morrison, William R.**, on 10/22/2016, SFOMS, husband of Marylou Morrison (deceased), 506 Sylvan Ave., CA 94403
- Retiree – **Ornduff, Hugh B.**, on 9/24/2016, SFORQ, husband of Joyce Ornduff (deceased), 1088 Avondale St., San Jose, CA 95129
- Retiree – **Petzel, Curtis G.**, on 10/9/2016, ORDMM/GC, husband of Lee Petzel, 52 Black Rock Road, Warwick, NY 10990
- Retiree – **Teter, David K.**, on 8/16/2016, EXOAS, husband of Helen Teter, and daughters, Catherine and Caroline.
- Spouse – **Wilhoite, LaVonne**, on 8/27/2016, wife of Jesse J. Wilhoite, SANFF (deceased), 556 Woods Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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Hi members,
I'm the person who edits the letters and notes you send for the Newsletter. Your letters and notes are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

John Brinnon, Roger Dunworth, Blanche Eichorst, Marie Fediuk, Robert Figlewicz, Ardell Furuta, Carl Hanson, Homer Hudelson, Robert Kaczor, Paula Kielas, Verna Lann, Ione Angell-Manley, June Manus, June Nichols, Tim Parker, Marcia Perry, Lilly Ann Popken, Sue Sealey, Winnie Stone, Shirley Telegdy, Pat Tremont, Virginia Vlach.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)

Marilyn Fry, 7690 Highland Grove Ct., Highland, CA 92346

I am the spouse of Wilson Lee Fry. He worked at CMH and ONT. The spousal information is great and very helpful. Thank you for keeping me updated on any changes. I don't know many people now but I like to keep on flying and getting the updates.

Bruce Hanson, 629 W. Tyler Is Brg. Rd., Isleton, CA 95641

Thanks for a good job on the newsletter. As I get older (86 now), I keep looking for names that I recognize, but they are getting harder to find.

I worked in Computer Services at the SFO Maintenance Base for 28 years and still miss the folks I worked with. I have been retired for 31 years now.

Dick Imperale, who I worked with, keeps some communications going.



Ishbell Garrett, 2775 S. Sedalia St., Aurora, CO 80013

You guys do such a good job of keeping us connected.

I have been retired now for 13 **happy** years, even though we retirees from UAL lose a year of seniority every year. By the time I am 80, I will no longer be an UAL retiree. If I am still alive then. I will always treasure the good days in the 70's, 80's and 90's.

I am off to the Caribbean for the winter and will be back the end of May.

Jim & Pat Hottel, 5120 Plumosa St., Spring Hill, FL 34607

We are just completing 21 years of retirement, great life; we have not traveled as much in the last several years.

The year we retired (1995), Pat & I together used 98 trip passes, so we look back on our travels with enjoyment. We have visited every continent except Antarctica, space available of course.

We belong to the Tampa Bay Retirees and enjoy the meetings, 2 annual picnics and the annual RUAEA Convention.

Keep the best magazine we receive monthly coming.

Pati Hudgens, PO Box 593, Sparta, TN 38583

I started my career with Capitol in June 1955. During those years, I worked in ATL, DCA, TYS, MIA, PHL, SFOXT, SFOOO (all in teletype), then HNL where I was the Kokua Desk and finally in DENRR where I retired from the Reservation Dept. as a res agent in 1994. I had quite a career that I look back on with fond memories.

I now reside in middle Tennessee where I am active in community affairs doing volunteer work with the senior citizens.

Thanks to you all at RUAEA for the great work you do. The information that you provide is most helpful, especially with all of the continuing changes within our airline.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120

Thank you for all your hard work all year long. I look forward to my RUAEA Newsletter every month.

First, in January 2016, we went to Florida where it was warm and visited family there. My son first moved to Panama City, since then has relocated in the TPA area which is much easier to fly to visit him in October after our MIA departure cruise.

In February 2016, we took a Partial-Panama Canal cruise on Princess from FLL for 10 days. We went with one retired couple, **James Kristoff** (ORDMM) & wife **Sandy** (ORDCU); and fellow worker **Fred Shield** (ORDGQ) & wife **Jan**. This was my cruise #105.

Mid April 2016, we took a wonderful AMA waterways cruise from AMS but could not fly there. Due to the bombings at BRU airport, it was closed for a few weeks. And everyone was re-routed to AMS. So unfortunately, we all had to fly into BRU and sure saw a lot of soldiers at that airport since those bombings. It was scary to me, but our cruise was wonderful, they are a great line. We went with six other people and **Jan Gawenda** wrote about this cruise

in the June Issue. We started in Holland and continued to cruise into France, then Germany and ended in Basel, Switzerland. It was fantastic scenery (#106).

We like to be "grounded during the busy summer months". It's really too difficult to fly standby at that time.

We took a Pioneer trip on October 2-9. I found a cruise ship "Fathom" that is a renovated Renaissance Ship with only 708 passengers. I am a Travel Agent, but could not book this cruise from MIA to Cuba ... So was told I had to book thru a Travel Agency in Canada. We went with two other retired couples, **Roger Mock** (ORDMM) & wife **Debbie**, and **Don Tutt** (ORDMM) & wife **Lynn**. George was really excited to see all the old cars from the 1950's and 1960's and I was excited for a new destination.

We sailed first to Havana and stayed there 2 nights on our ship. Then we went to southern part of Cuba and stayed 1 day at Cantores de Cienfuegos (that city is called the "Pearl of Cuba"), then 1 day at Santiago De Cuba, then one day at sea, and back to MIA. Wonderful. For 50 years, U.S. citizens did not go to Cuba, so we are Pioneers to go to Cuba! This was my cruise #107 and the year is not done yet. To make it even better, this could not be booked till 60 days prior to sailing and we all got an Interline rate with balcony cabins.

I want to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season and New Year in 2017!

Yeah! The Chicago Cubs won the World Series!

John Kozlik, 1820 Locust St., Des Plaines, IL 60018

My wife and I enjoy reading the Newsletter very much. We look forward to reading about my UAL family. We are not on the internet, so the paper edition is our only contact with Retired United Airlines Employees.

Thank you all for your time and effort, also a big thank you to our Chicago Skyliners reporter and now "Midwest Director", Jan Gawenda

Lynn Kretschmer, 913 Via Cielito, Ventura, CA 93003

Thank you for all you do to encourage all the rest of us. God bless you. We had hoped to attend the Seattle Convention but my husband, Ted, ended up in the ER for viral pneumonia and complicated kidney disease. We look forward to next year. I do enjoy keeping up with everything via the Newsletter.

Notes

Shirley Barber

RUAEA is my connection to UAL. It is always heart-warming to read about what the UA team is doing.

Robert Frye

I retired after 38 years with UAL and 20 years with Michael Lewis Company ... 58 years in all.



Jim Geddes

Fay and I are still enjoying good health. Fay has a business specializing in Horse and wildlife photography and golf keeps her busy. For me, I am still playing golf. This will be my 22nd year of retirement and it will be my 22nd year of playing 250 rounds or more. I have also been keeping up with the younger college generation, as a member for the advisory board for Phi Delta Theta at UNLV. Best wishes to all.

Tom Heller

Thanks so much for the fine newsletter. It has been 22 years, since I retired after 34 years at UAL aircraft maintenance. It is nice to read about my friends around the country and to remember the good times with those who have passed. I still remember the stories told by Harold Pearson in 1960 of working on the airmail bi-planes in Elko, NV.

Anne Jones

I went to a SFOCS reunion of 350 strong retired and active UALers. It was great to see so many of us "Old-Timers" still going strong, and to see the "Young'uns" carrying on. I am proud to be part of the United Family!

Kehaulani E. Kelly

I am truly thankful and grateful to United Airlines. They have given me and my family a good life. Now I can say thank you. Thank you very much. I have been blessed by you. So many wonderful experiences and so many wonderful memories. Mahalo and Aloha!

Melvin King

Thanks for doing what you do for us retirees. It is fun to read or hear about some of the people I used to work with many moons ago.

Penny Logan

RUAEA keeps me in touch with old friends and up to date on what is happening at United. Thanks for all you do.

Gary Opperman

Is the chapter at IAH a Continental one? I know that UA did not have one before the merger. Also can we address the pass policy thru the rep? I feel that since our hire date is being adjusted all the time, why are we a different category when using a regular pass. I thought about it on my last trip but I would have been behind 2016 seniority with 1 month. I ended up using a vacation pass.

Thomas Powers

I am a 45 year employees, retired as VP in Chicago in 1996. I summer on a farm in Illinois and winter in Florida. I miss all of the great people at United.



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United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729, esc@united.com (email)

United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)

For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy \$25 fee to create new booking

Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729, ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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Aetna 1-800-334-0110

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

PBGC - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

Alliant Credit Union

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

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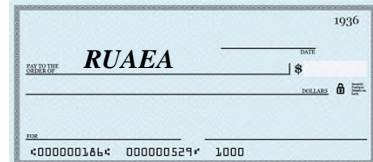
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was on the left side. The coat-room could be exchanged for 2 additional seats, giving the undivided "One-Class service" plane 92 seats in the summer. Since the 727 was smaller than either the 720 or the DC-8 only one galley is needed and is located in mid-cabin on the right side.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired from the January 1964 "Shield" magazine.

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Oscar hosted retiree summit

Recently, leaders of seven retiree organizations attended a summit at the Chicago Corporate Support Center. Oscar hosted the meeting to find better ways to engage with retirees, listen to their opinions and ideas, and thank them for the role they played in making United the great airline that it is today.

"My job is to let you know that I care," Oscar said, *"and that I am focused on building trust with not only our current employees, but our retirees as well."* The attendees included leaders from the Retired United Pilots Association (RUPA), the Retired Association of Flight Attendants (RAFA), Golden Eagles, Clipped Wings, the Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines (ARECA), the United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF) and the Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA).

Throughout the meeting, the representatives spoke of how much they appreciated their time at United, and several said their fellow retirees wanted to give back to the company in some way, whether as ambassadors or by offering guidance. Oscar embraced the offer, saying, *"I value your wise counsel and your history with the company. Our retirees' legacy should be to pass on that wisdom."* Participants brought their suggestions about pass travel; for instance, **Captain Cort de Peyster** of the Retired United Pilots Association recommended implementing a system where pass travel priority is determined solely by years of service among active employees and retirees. Oscar agreed to consider all options, while reiterating that vacation passes - something that no other airline offers - are valuable to retirees, providing them an equal opportunity to enjoy pass travel.

Pensions were also discussed in an honest and frank way, with Oscar promising to maintain a dialogue and touching on some of the legal and financial barriers that prevent the company from revisiting past decisions. Overall, the sentiment coming out of the summit was positive. **Virgil Gooselaw** of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association said, *"This meeting is a high point."* Oscar agreed, saying, "This is just a start, but this shows you where we're going." The next meeting is planned for the first quarter of 2017.



Back Row L to R:

Tom Goodyear (UAHF), Martha Casne (RAFA), Cort de Peyster (RUPA), Oscar Munoz, Tom Doherty (Golden Eagles), Mary Hess (ARECA), Virgil Gooselaw (RUAEA).

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Dona Sizemore Jennison (Clipped Wings), Bill Chambers (Golden Eagles).